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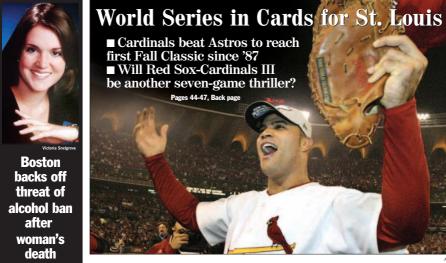
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St. Louis first baseman Albert Pujols celebrates the Cardinals' 5-2 victory over Houston to win Game 7 and the National League Championship Series at Busch Stadium in St. Louis on Thursday. Pujols, who hit .500 against the Astros, was chosen as the series' Most Valuable Player.



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Crematorium scandal: A federal judge has approved a settlement agreenent between family members and a Rome. Ga., crematory operator accused

of failing to burn hundreds of corpses The agreement, which was approved Thurs-day by U.S. District Judge Harold L. Murphy. e plaintiffs in the civil suit cannot go after the assets of Ray Brent Marsh or his

Instead the \$80 million settlement, which was first proposed in August, will come from Marsh's insurance company, Georgia Farm Bureau The case stems from the discovery of 334 decaying bodies at the Tri-State Crematory in Noble in February 2002.

Peterson trial: A witness critical to Scott Peterson's defense conceded on the stand that he made an assumption in calculating when Laci Peterson's fetus died, a potential victory for prosecutors as Peterson's murder trial is nearing its conclusion.

Defense lawyers maintain the fetus was born alive, proving Scott Peterson couldn't

have killed his wife. Dr. Charles March testified that based on bone measurements of the dead fetus and reviewing ultrasounds taken of Laci, the fetus probably died on Dec. 29, 2002, at the earliest, five days after the pregnant schoolteach-er vanished. That would undercut the prosecution's claim that Scott Peterson murdered his wife on or around Dec. 24, then dumped her body into San Francisco Bay. But March also said he based his findings, in part, on anecdotal evidence of when Laci may have discovered she was pregnant.

Robert Blake case: A judge has dealt a blow to Robert Blake's defense, barring his lawyers from presenting the theory that others, including a key prosecution witness, con-spired to murder the actor's wife.

Superior Court Judge Darlene Schempp said Thursday in Los Angeles that attorney M. Gerald Schwartzbach would be blocked from asking witness Ronald "Duffy" Hamble-ton whether he conspired to kill Blake's wife on behalf of Marlon Brando's son, Christian,

Sinclair documentary controversy: A long time chronicler of John Kerry sued Sinclair Broadcast Group Inc. on Thursday to stop it from using his pictures and film in its program that features parts of an anti-Kerry documentary.

Filmmaker George Butler's lawsuit, filed in a New York federal court, says the pro-gram scheduled for Friday violates his copyrights of material covering much of the Demo cratic presidential candidate's adult life. Butler seeks unspecified damages.

Gay marriage amendment: The Ohio Supreme Court on Thursday rejected the last pending legal challenge to placing a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage and recognition of same-sex couples on the Nov. 2

The court ruled 6-1 on technical grounds. saying it did not have jurisdiction over the claim, that opponents did not make their claim far enough ahead of the election and that a lower court had already ruled on the same issues

Anthrax leak investigation: Attorneys for former Army scientist Steven Hatfill won the federal government's agreement Thursday to a plan that could speed the questioning of journalists about the source of leaks in the

massive anthrax investigation. Hatfill's attorneys have been attempting to track the reporters' sources as part of a law-suit accusing Attorney General John Ashcroft and other federal officials of defamation. The suit accuses federal authorities of tarnishing Hatfill with public statements and private leaks that described him as a "person of interin the investigation into the anthrax-laced mailings in late 2001.

Martha Stewart in prison: Martha Stewart says she has been deluged by "thousands" of letters sent to her federal prison camp in Alderson. W.Va., some of which have even included gifts and money

But, she lamented, the gifts are not allowed to reach her. In a posting on her Web site. marthatalks.com, Stewart instead urged fans to make a donation to the American Cancer Society instead

Limbaugh investigation: Rush Limbaugh on Thursday appealed a court ruling that would allow prosecutors investigating his use

of painkillers to examine his medical records The conservative commentator has said that the seizure of the records violated his privacy and that he committed no crime. Limbaugh attorney Roy Black asked for a rehear-ing by Florida's 4th District Court of Appeal.

Investigators raided Limbaugh's doctors' offices in November to see if Limbaugh had engaged in "doctor shopping," or illegally vis-iting several doctors to receive duplicate prescriptions. Limbaugh has not been charge

Fla. right-to-die case: The Florida Supreme Court on Thursday rebuffed another effort by Gov. Jeb Bush to keep a severely brain-damaged woman alive against her hushand's wishes

Without comment, the court rejected Bush's request that it reconsider last month's decision striking down a state law that the

governor invoked to have Terri Schiavo's feeding tube reinserted.

Schiavo has been at the center of one of the nation's longest and most bitter right-to-die cases, a dispute that has pitted her husband against her parents.

subway arrest: Charges were dropped Thursday against a pregnant woman arrested and forced to the ground by Metro Transit Police for allegedly talking too loudly on a cell phone.

Sakinah Aaron, 23, was arrested Sept. 9 at a subway station in the Maryland suburb of Wheaton and charged with disorderly con-

duct and resisting arrest.

Officials of the transit system had claimed that one of their officers heard Aaron yelling obscenities into a cell phone and said that when the officer told her to stop, she used similar language on him.

War on terrorism

U.N. oil-for-food scandal: The independent panel investigating alleged corruption in the multibillion-dollar U.N. oil-for-food pro-gram in Iraq released Thursday the names of 248 companies that received Iraqi oil and 3,545 companies that exported goods to Saddam Hussein's government.
Former U.S. Federal Reserve Chairman

Paul Volcker, who was appointed in April by U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan to lead the inquiry, also said his probe had met some resistance in France and in Iraq.

French head scarf ban: A high school that excluded three Sikh boys for wearing turbans to school must convene a disciplinary hearing within 15 days to decide the outcome of their cases, a French court ruled Friday.

The administrative court ruling is the latest twist in France's attempt to apply a new law that bans students from wearing obvious reli-gious apparel in public schools.

The ruling was in response to a petition filed by Sikhs after the boys were kept out of class at the Louise Michel school in the Paris suburb of Bobigny for refusing to remove their turbans.

Beef exports to Japan: Japanese and U.S. officials decided Friday to extend their talks on ending Tokyo's 10-month-old ban on im-ports of U.S. beef after failing to reach an accord, an official said.

Officials will continue negotiating on Saturday, said Mitsue Asari, a spokeswoman for Japan's Foreign Ministry. They had been due to wrap up two days of discussions on Friday



One Marine's determination

Gunnery Sgt. Jonathan R. White overcomes training accident to walk again

Stars and Strines

CAMP COURTNEY, Okinawa July 23, 2003, started off as a typical Marines Corps training day for Gunnery Sgt. Jonathan R White. The communications chief for 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion and fellow

Marines from the unit were training for parachute opera-

tions Out of the 21 Marines who were jumping into Drop Zone Pyle Ie-Shima



from CH-46 helicopter, White was the only one who wasn't making his first jump since initial training it was about his 25th Therefore he was a "stick leader" and would be first off the ramp.

After a pre-jump briefing, landing practices and countless equipment checks, White and his fellow Marines were ready. Upon arrival at the island, last-minute weather checks were made before a countdown. A light in the helicopter turned green, signaling the Marines to go.

As soon as his parachute opened and White looked around to make sure everything was working right, he knew something was wrong.

"I was falling faster than everyone else, and traveling laterally across the [landing] zone faster, White said. A quick scan of his equipment showed no problems the parachute was fully deployed and he was able to turn.

"All I remembered is what I was taught, which is to focus on the landing," he said.

What White didn't know was the speed he was traveling and why he was descending so fast. He said the official report says he was caught in a major gust of cross wind, and it's estimated that he was traveling nearly 60 mph.

"All I remember is landing ... I think I landed perfectly, and then I don't remember squat," White said. The impact caused his body to fold forward at the chest - he head-butted the buckle on his

White was lucky — a corpsman on hand was a reservist who happened to be a New York City Fire Department paramedic specializing in spinal injuries. The corpsman knew something serious was wrong and instructed the heliconter pilots to take White straight to U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa.

While White doesn't remember much about the accident, his wife, Peggy, recalls the time in the hospital clearly

When she first went to the emergency room, doctors thought her husband simply had the wind knocked out of him

"He was talking to them, sort of



Gunnery Sgt. Jonathan White holds up an X-ray showing the two 12-inch titanium rods and six screws that were placed in his back after a parachuting accident. White was told by numerous doctors that he would never walk again but has since returned to duty and run a first-class physical fitness test.

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> Lt. Cmdr. Robert Rosenhaum U.S. Naval Hospital Okinawa neurosurgery department head

doing the [Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape] thing ... he was giving them nothing vital," Peggy White said. "He was saying stuff like, 'I want to get back to the drop zone

"I had a hold of his hand and a hand on his shoulder and I told 'You're not wherever you think you are. You need to snap out of this and talk to us.

A short while later, she said, he came to his senses.

"He said he remembered the jump, but not a lot after that, Peggy said. "Then he paused and that's when he realized he couldn't feel his feet. He told me to hold his hand and I said, 'I am. Then one tear came down his cheek and he said, 'I can't feel

A neurosurgery staff member was called in — Lt. Cmdr. Robert Rosenbaum, the neurosurgery department head.

Rosenhaum said White had no motor function in his toes and ankles, and as he worked his way up White's body he was concerned. "The higher you go and the

longer it takes to find something working, it's very concerning," Rosenbaum said. "He began feeling in his lower chest.'

The problem was in White's back. Rosenbaum said X-rays revealed that White had fractured vertebrae. The next step. Rosenbaum said, was having a magnetic resonance imaging, or MRI,

Rosenhaum accompanied White for the scan and climbed onto the table to hold White's head still. Rosenbaum said the two were nose-to-nose inside the machine when White surprised

"He said, 'Promise me I will walk again.' "Rosenbaum said. "It's a good rule for physicians not to make promises and Jon really caught me off-guard. He got me emotional to the point where I promised him he would."

Rosenbaum wasn't sure he could hold up his end of the deal, as the initial diagnosis was that White would be a quadriplegic.

But after looking at the MRI results. Rosenbaum thought he might have a chance. There was a big chunk of bone lodged against White's spinal cord. Rosenbaum thought that if he could perform surgery quickly and remove the pressure, White would have a shot at recovery.

So Rosenbaum approached the Whites and told them his plan. They agreed

Within two hours of the accident. White was in the operating

White said he was lucky to have Rosenbaum as his neurosurgeon, as most in the field figure it's better to be paralyzed than dead. Rosenhaum admitted that he's a forward thinker and not many other neurosurgeons would have performed the operation.

During the nine-hour surgery,

Rosenbaum pushed the bone chunk away from White's spinal cord and inserted two 12-inch titanium rods and six screws to stabilize his spinal cord.

While Rosenbaum wasn't sure the surgery would work, he saw a good sign in the recovery room. "I was standing at his right side

and when he woke up, his right knee came up and hit me in the face." Rosenbaum said. "While it wasn't my favorite thing, it was a good sign.

After spending three days in the intensive care unit at the hospital, White was flown to Naval Medical Center San Diego for follow-up care which included one more surgery

The trip back to the United States wasn't smooth. White said he experienced problems ranging from the hospital not knowing he was arriving to staff members getting him out of bed and moving him around just days after sur-

When it came time for the second surgery, White said he wasn't quite sure what was going on. He didn't know until afterward that doctors were removing one of his ribs. The doctors took the rib and the remaining bone fragments in his back and ground them up, placing the mixture in a cage surrounding his spinal cord. White said the material solidified into

bone over the next six months. Despite two successful surger ies, White said doctors in San Diego still said he never would walk again.

'They wrote me off," White said. "They wanted to know what [Veterans Administration] hospital I was going back to.'

But retirement and paralysis weren't in White's plan. He was determined to walk again — and to return to duty.

When White began physical therapy in San Diego he asked, "What do I have to do to get out of this place?" He was told he had to walk around the room, to which he replied, "Let's go."

After three weeks in San Diego, White returned to Okinawa, but still was having some problems. His legs were numb and he need ed help to walk.

"I had to train myself to walk again," said the Marine of nearly 18 years. "I had two canes and I was out the door

Within three months, White was back to work. Four months later he was running again.

In May, he deployed with his unit to the Cobra Gold exercise in Thailand. While there, he secretly prepared to run a physical fitness test. He had a 10-day window between the exercise and leave and he wanted to complete the test to prove to the Corps that he was ready to carry on.

When White returned from the exercise, he surprised unit members by announcing he was running a PFT. He said the event was painful, but he was able to score a 'young man's' first class — a 237 with a 22:39 3-mile run time, 13 pull-ups and 100 crunches in two minutes

Now that White is back to work. he hopes to be promoted soon — another reason he wanted to run a successful PFT. The E-8 selection board meets this month and without a PFT score in the system, he said, he likely would have been passed over for promotion.

Since the accident. White has returned to the scene of the accident once and was stunned by what he saw.

"It was real creepy," he said. "Where I landed, it was like somehody took gas and hurned a hody imprint into the ground."

He said the depression his body made in the ground was about 6 inches deep. He also was shown something else that made him feel lucky to be alive - a pile of concrete rubble with steel bars poking out about 12 feet away.

While pain will be a daily reminder of White's accident, he has no regrets

"I'm glad it happened to me that day, out of everyone that jumped," he said, noting the outcome might have been deadly for the other Marines since they had less experience.

"I knew when I woke up in the hospital that I was going to be all right ... I was at peace early in the game." White said. "I know there's a plan and that was my piece. I didn't care for it, but I knew it was my place.'

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PBS literary stars visit bases

By JENNIFER H. SVAN Stars and Strines

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan — A big red dog and an aardvark with spectacles came to this northern Japan base Friday with a message for parents, teachers and day-care providers: Share stories with your kids through

reading, storytelling, singing, rhyming, acting and talking. The "PBS Kids Share a Story" literacy campaign is visit-ing Pacific Air Force bases to underscore the importance of sharing stories and engaging in other language-rich activities with children at an early age

"It's to bring a fun and educational family literacy event to military families throughout the Pacific," said Charlotte Brantley, PBS Ready to Learn senior director.

PACAF last spring asked PBS Kids — the umbrella orga-nization of a host of educational television shows for children - to bring their literacy fair to the Pacific. Brantley

"With a program like this, we can reach out to all our families and enrich their learning and life experience dur-ing their time in PACAF," said Col. Frederic Ryder, PACAF services director, in a news release. "The events will also serve to provide a positive experience for family members affected by deployment.

The campaign visits Yokota Air Base near Tokyo on Monday, and Osan Air Base, South Korea, on Wednesday. A trin to Kadena Air Base, Okinawa, was canceled due to Typhoon Tokage.

At Misawa, scores of youngsters had their picture taken with Clifford and the aardvark Arthur, both characters from popular PBS Kids' television shows, based on children's books. They also received a new book and an activity booklet in which they could draw or write a story about their family.

Brantley said sharing stories, whether through reading. writing, drawing or just making up a tale, can help chil dren become stronger readers down the road. Language-centered activities can teach children new vocabulary words, simple sentence construction and where a book starts and ends, she said

Upcoming schedule

"PBS Kids Share a Story" literacy campaign will visit the following PACAF bases this week Monday:

Yokota Air Base, Japan

9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the Taiyo Community Center Event is open to children in the base's Child Development Center and school-age programs

Wednesday: Osan Air Base, South Korea 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. in the youth center

"There's a general concern across America that children entering school are not prepared," she said, noting that by third grade, many students are not reading at grade level. "It breaks my heart to know how many children starting kindergarten don't even know where a book starts

Barbara Treadway, a reading specialist at Kinser Ele mentary School on Okinawa, said statistics show that if a child is going to be competitive in the job market as an adult, he or she needs to have 10,000 hours of literacy experience — reading, writing, listening and speaking — before first grade

"Much of that needs to be reading," she said, "Whatever reading level your child is at by the end of first grade, there's an 80 percent chance that they're going to finish high school at that level. It doesn't mean with intervention, that can't be changed, but it gets significantly harder to

make up those deficits as they get older." Parents should read aloud to children every day, she advised, whether children are babies, in preschool or of school age

In military families, Treadway said she sees a correlation between reading ability and the amount of time parents spend with kids

"Many times I have parents say, 'I'm too busy to read to my child,' " she said.

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Children at the Yoikio Child Development Center at Misawa Air Base, Japan, mob Clifford The Big Red Dog at the "PBS Kids Share a Story" literacy fair Friday at the Mokuteki Community Center

Educational videos and television programming such as 'Sesame Street" also can be good literacy learning tools, but both Brantley and Treadway said these shows should

be watched in moderation and always with supervision. "Talk about what's happening in the show," Brantley said. "Go do an activity related to what happened in the show. We encourage parents to view, read and do. Use vid-

eos as a spark to learning." Parents and educators can learn more ways to help children develop literacy and language skills at

www.pbsparents.org or www.pbs.org/teachersource. E-mail Jennifer H. Svan at: svani@pstripes.osd.

Cartridge change-out

The Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station Safety Center will conduct a noncombatant respirator car-tridge change-out 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday at the Station Safety Center, Build-

ing 130B.

Respirator cartridges have a limited shelf life and must be

imited shelf life and must be changed if they were issued be-fore November 2003.

After terrorist attacks on the United States on Sept. 11, 2001, the base commander implement-ed a program requiring each resi-dent in Iwakuni to receive a per-sonal respirator and be trained in

Call DSN 253-6381 for more in-

Harvest Fest planned

The Iwakuni Marine Corps Air Station Harvest Festival is 4-7 p.m. on Sunday at Penny Lake.

Organizers plan to cook hot
dogs and hamburgers and offer
lots of games and treats. Participants are asked to wear costumes, but not scary ones.

Call Carol Nash at DSN 253-5218 for more information

Radio forum at Misawa

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan Misawa's next Open Line Radio Show is from 8 to 9 a.m. Friday on Edge Radio, AM 1575. The live forum allows people to speak with base and wing leadership on a variety of topics

To participate, call DSN 226-1575 or 226-3621 during the show

Health council to meet

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan Misawa's Health Consumer's Ad-visory Council meets at 2 p.m. Monday in the Kampai Room of the Mutsu Officers Club. The quarterly meeting is an open forum for the 35th Medical Group to provide council members with current information and education regarding the availability, ac-cessibility and types of services provided at the hospital.

All HCAC unit representatives

should attend.

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Army ponders female role in 'units of action'

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ARLINGTON, Va. - The Army is considering whether to formally add women to its new "units of action" structure which includes combat units a discussion that had opponents of women in combat up in arms.

Under a 10-year-old ban. women are not allowed to be part of combat units, such as armored cavalry or the infantry.

The Army has no intention of altering the ban against women in combat positions, according to Lt. Col. Chris Rodney, an Army spokesman at the Penta-

But as the war on terror has shown, from the Sept. 11 attacks to the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, this conflict has no "front lines" from which women can be protected from combat.

Anywhere, at any time, can quickly become a front line, military and U.S. government leaders often point out.

To accommodate this new style of combat, which requires fast, flexible and often very violent responses, the Army is in the middle of "transforming" itself: a plan that places the emon "units of action.

Women in support divisions may breach 10-year ban must be informed 30 legislative days (approximately three

self-contained, self-reliant brigade combat teams that will replace the traditional large, cumbersome divisions.

Part of those "UAs," according to Rodney said, are "For-ward Support Companies" that would be a regular part of the

Units of Action. "The bottom line is, there is no intent right now to lift the ban on women in direct combat

units," Rodney said "There has been no change to the current policy, and

there is no intent to reverse the And the issue of whether to make support units including women part of combat units,

however, is under discussion only, Rodney said. "Nothing is final," Rodney

However, there is more to the issue, first reported by The Washington Times on Friday: There is a clause in the ban signed by then-Defense Secretary Les Aspin that says women are not allowed to serve "where units and positions are doctrinally required to physically collocate and remain with direct ground combat units that are closed to women'

But women are not banned

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from such tasks as driving trucks, working in mess halls, repairing helicopters, and other iobs that either hold the potential for enemy attacks, or require close proximity to combat

And because combat units cannot do their jobs without maintenance and other support assistance, "there have been support attached to maneuver units" in both Afghanistan and Iraq that include women, Rodney pointed out.

The difference is that such units are temporarily "at-tached," to the combat units they support, not permanently assigned

The plan under discussion by the Army would make such support units a regular part of a Unit of Action, Rod-

ney confirmed. For now, several female soldiers are assigned to the 601st Aviation Sup-Battalion. port which supports the 1st Squadron, 4th U.S. Cavalry at Forward Operating McKenzie, Base Iraq.

The 1-4 Cavalry is responsible for a large area that includes Samarra, one of the more restive cities in central Iraq.

But Elaine Donnelly, presi-dent of the Center for Military Readiness in Livonia, Mich., and a leading opponent of women in combat, expressed surprise to hear that female soldiers are, in fact, attached to combat units in

Donnelly said that Congress

months) of any changes the Army is considering making to the statute.

"It remains to be seen, definitively, if the Army is violating the law," Donnelly said, "For any official in the Army to disregard that law would certainly be a serious matter.'

Civilian leaders in the Office of the Secretary of Defense have already been informed of the new ... in "lower-level meet-ings." according to an Army officer who asked not to be named because participating in such meetings are not part of his responsibilities.

"There are regular meetings that discuss transformation, and this is one of many things that is being looked at," the officer said.

And Congress "will certainly he consulted if and when" the Army decides it would like to make any changes to the current rules, the officer said.

Since the invasion of Iraq in March 2003, 24 of the 793 combat deaths have been female sol-

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'Pay gap' closer for mobilized troops, workers

he Military Personnel Financial Services Protection Act, designed to protect GIs from predatory financial-services agents, is delayed until the 109th Congress convenes in Janu-

ary.

Introduced by Rep. Max Burns, R-Ga., and passed by the House last month, HR 5011 would block the sale of bad investment products such as contractual mutual funds and costly life insurance packages pitched as investments to servicemembers.

It would require that state insurance laws be enforced on military property to stop long-standing practice of agents selling on base products banned by state regulations. Andrew Gray, spokesman for Senate Banking Committee, said the committee

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will be ready to act on these issues in 2005. Committee chairman Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala, and ranking Democrat, Maryland's Paul Sarbanes, have asked the Government Accountability Office and the Securities and Exchange Commission to review investment marketing practices that have targeted servicemembers.

"Once we have a clear picture of the problem, we will be able to move quickly," said Gray "This is a priority for us" in 2005

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Meanwhile, Sens. Hillary Clinton,

D-N.Y., Michael Enzi, R-Wyo, Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., and Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., have introduced a bil identical to HR 5011 to end the sale on military bases of contracted mutual funds with heavy up-front commissions, and insurance packages with coverage values far more expensive than government subsidized plans.

Closing the gap

Civilian employers of Reserve and National Guard members who are mobilized longer than six months could be offered new tax breaks soon to close a "pay gap" between employees' military income and lost civilian wages.

Senate Republicans, before adjourning

for fall elections, yielded to threats from Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., to block a \$137 billion corporate tax break bill if mobilized troops and their civilian bosses didn't get

to sip at the same tax-break trough. An angry Landrieu told Military Update on Oct. 15 that House Republican leaders, in closed-door deliberations with Senate colleagues, had tossed out her Senate-passed amendment to give Reserve and Guard employers up to \$2 billion in tax breaks to continue paying some wages to mobilized employees. The idea was to ente more employers to make up any difference between temporary military compensation and pre-mobilization civilian pay.

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to Baghdad because "this might be my last hours.

'Please help me, please help me," Hassan, a British-Irish-Iraqi national who heads the Care Inter national operation in Iraq, said in videotape broadcast by Al-Jazeera television.

The British government agreed Thursday to a U.S. request to transfer 850 British soldiers from southern Iraq to the Baghdad area to free American forces for new offensives against the insur-

Blair's decision drew strong criticism from within his own La bour party, and Hassan's desnerate appeal is likely to stoke opposition among the British public, where support for the Iraq mis sion has never been as strong as in the United States.

"That's why people like Mr. Big-ley and myself are being caught," Hassan said, referring to British hostage Kenneth Bigley who was beheaded this month. "And maybe we will die like Mr. Bigley. Please, please, I beg of you.

Unlike most previous hostage tapes, however, this one featured no hooded gunmen, no banners identifying the militant group and no explicit demands for the cap-tive's freedom. Al-Jazeera said it received the tape Friday but did not say where or how.

Hassan, who is married to an Iraqi, was seized by gunmen Tuesday while traveling to her office in western Baghdad. Hassan, believed to be in her early 60s. began working for CARE Interna-tional soon after it began operations here in 1991. She managed a staff of 60 Iraqis who run nutrition, health and water programs throughout the country.

She was a vocal opponent of in ternational sanctions on Iraq and warned British lawmakers before last year's U.S.-led invasion of Iraq that a conflict could produce a humanitarian crisis in a country already severely weakened by the embargoes.

In London, British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw described the videotape as "extremely distress ing" and called for Hassan's immediate release.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Thursday, at least 1,103 servicemembers of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 846 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defense Department. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count matches the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 a.m. Thurs-

The British military has reported 67 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 965 U.S. military members have died, according to AP's count. That in-cludes at least 737 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

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Army Spc. Andrew C. Ehrlich, 21, Mesa, Ariz., died Monday in Muqdadiyah, Iraq, of non-combat injuries; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infan-try Regiment, 1st Infantry Divi-sion, Vilseck, Germany.

Militants have kidnapped at least seven other foreign women over the past six months, but all were later released. In September, Italian aid workers Simona Torretta and Simona Pari, both 29, were kidnapped from their Baghdad offices but were freed three weeks later.



Margaret Hassan, the kidnapped director of CARE International in Iraq, appears in this image made from television in a videotape aired by the Arabic television station Al-Jazeera, on Friday. Hassan is seen weeping and pleading for British Prime Minister Tony Blair to withdraw troops from Iraq and not bring them to Baghdad.



Colin Powell sets off on Pacific visit

Secretary of State focused on assuring North Korea it is not being threatened

By GEORGE GEDDA

tends to work out a strategy with Japan, China and South Korea on how to convince North Korea it is not under threat of

attack.
The aim is to revive negotiations to curb North Korea's nuclear weapons programs. Before leaving, Powell acknowledged that U.S. intelligence ex-

perts did not know how advanced the programs were and may not be able to find out.

Powell also cautioned Taiwan in an interview with the Far Eastern Economic Review that any move toward independence "has the potential for creating a real crisis in the region."

In a radio interview Friday, Powell noted that North Korea keeps accusing the United States of hostile intent. "It's a nice little cover line that they use," Powell said on Fox News Radio's "Tony Snow Show." But he said he would be discussing a strategy for responding "with all our friends in the region on this

upcoming trip."
Also, Powell said, "We are essentially in a discussion, a debate, negotiation" as to what North Korea might get in exchange for halting development of weapons-grade

uranium.

North Korea says it wants security guaantees and economic aid in exchange for
dealing with other countries' fears about
its nuclear activities. The United States
wants an immediate halt to nuclear activities and renewed international inspections.
South Korea and Japan have offered fuel
oil to the impoverished country as an incen-

tive.

During the Clinton administration, North Korea agreed to stop its plutoni-um-based nuclear program in exchange for 500 metric tons of heavy oil annually from the United States and help for its energy programs from Japan and South Korea

The aid was stopped after the Americans said North Korea had admitted to having a uranium-based nuclear program.

"President Bush has made it clear that we are not interested in invading North Korea," Powell said Friday. "We want to help the North Korean people. But that help will only come when they have, in a way that is fully verifiable, gotten rid of their nuclear weapons programs."

Powell told the Far Eastern Economic Review in the interview published Thursday that in the absence of more solid information, the administration has stuck by its estimate dating back several years that North Korea has one or two nuclear weap-

North Korea's vice foreign minister, Choe Su Hon, said on Sept. 27 that his country has turned plutonium extracted from 8,000 spent nuclear fuel rods into several nuclear weapons.

Experts have said the rods could yield enough plutonium for eight bombs.

Powell's caution on North Korea's nuclear arms program contrasts sharply with the administration's confident assertions almost two years ago that Iraq was developing of weapons of mass destruction

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The administration has since concluded that Iraq had no stockpiles of such weap-

Powell conceded that the administration

doesn't know what the North Koreans have done with the fuel rods since they ordered an end to U.N. nuclear inspection operations early last year.

uons early lists year. "The intelligence community cannot tell you whether or not there are more weapons or not," Powell said. "They are making assumptions, and they are doing the best that they can, you know, with a country that does not exactly post this stuff on their Web site." Intelligence experts "cannot come to a definitive answer," Powell said, adding there's no reason they should be

At all three stops on Powell's East Asia tour, he plans to compare notes on the possibility of resuming six-country discussions on ending the stalemate over Pyongyang's weapons programs.

Japan, China and South Korea are all partners with the United States in the process, as is Russia.

The negotiating process was set back recently when North Korea refused to attend a new round of six-party discussions after initially agreeing to do so.

"It was a marvelous act of misdirection, and the North Koreans said, 'Gosh, if we got them to pay for it once, let's do it again and see if we can get them to pay for it again," Powell said on the radio.





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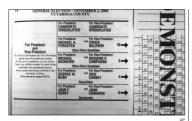


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A Cuyahoga County Absent Voter Ballot Book, left, and an Absentee Punch-card Ballot from Cleveland Heights, Ohio, are shown. Confusion over the layout of the punch-card has led to complaints and concerns that people will inadvertently vote for other than the presidential candiate they intended, because it does not align with the ballot book.

Confusion clouds Ohio absentee ballot format

Decision on provisional votes awaits appeal

BY CONNIE MABIN
The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Absentee voters in the most populous county of a critical state in the presidential election are complaining about a ballot layout that they say might prompt some people to choose the wrong candidate, or none at all.

Another voting issue was left in limbo for Ohioans Wednesday when a federal judge rejected Secretary of State Kenneth Blackwell's latest order on how to handle people who try to vote in the wrong precinct. The dispute means election boards may receive two sets of orders as they wait for an appeals court to rule.

The absentee voting problem in Cuyahoga County occurs when voters align the ballot portion, which shows a candidate's name, a number and an arrow, with the punch card, which also bears numbers.

The pieces are designed to align in the voting machines used on Election Day, but the numbers don't always line up for people voting absentee. The elections board in the traditionally Democratic county has fielded numerous calls from voters confused about the layout of absentee ballots.

The county, which includes Cleveland, is receiving more that 2,000 requests for absentee ballots every day. Both presidential campaigns have focused on the county in a state both candidates consider crucial to what's expected to be a close election Nov. 2.

If absentee voters cast their vote by trying to line up the arrow with the punch card, they could punch the wrong number.

Absentee voters are supposed to ignore the arrows and punch out the chad that matches the candidate's number, Jacqueline Maiden, a coordinator with the Cuyahoga County Board of Elections, said Wednesday.

In the statewide voting issue, U.S. District Judge James Carr of Toledo rejected an order from the secretary of state in which voters would be informed their entire ballot could be thrown out if they vote in the wrong precinct.

In Mich., votes in wrong precinct, right town OK

BY DAVID EGGERT

LANSING, Mich. — Michigan election officials expressed concern Thursday that both voters and local precinct clerks may be confused on Election Day because of a federal judge's decision making it easier for voters to cast provisional ballots.

U.S. District Judge David Lawson ruled Tuesday that the Help America Vote Act says people must only show up in the right city, township or village — regardless of whether they're in the proper precinct — to have their votes for president and Congress counted. Provisional ballots are used

Provisional ballots are used when voters say they are properly registered but their names are not on the registration rolls. The state is appealing the decision, which came in a lawsuit brought by Michigan Democrats, voter-rights groups and the NAACP

The state argues that changing course less than two weeks before the election won't ensure an orderly vote or timely certification of the results.

Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land and state Bureau of Elections Director Chris Thomas said some voters may believe their entire ballot will be counted under Lawson's ruling. But only their votes for federal offices will be tallied.

The League of Women Voters of Michigan on Thursday applauded the judge's decision but said it worries voters don't understand they won't be allowed to vote the entire ballot if they show up in the wrong polling place.

Ruling restricts counting of provisional ballots in Florida

BY DAVID ROYSE The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The state must reject provisional ballots if they are cast in the wrong precinct, a federal judge said Thursday in the latest in a series of onining on how such votes should be counted.

of opinions on how such votes should be counted. U.S. District Judge Robert L. Hinkle ruled voters who show up at a polling place and aren't on the rolls should be allowed to submit a provisional ballot — in case it's later determined they were in the properly

assigned precinct.
But he said federal law doesn't require the state to count the ballot if it's determined the voter submitted the ballot somewhere other than the assigned precinct.

A provisional ballot is held until officials determine if the person was entitled to vote. If the voter should have been allowed to vote, the ballot counts; if not, it's thrown out.

The ruling comes in a case brought by Democrats, who wanted the judge to block Secretary of State Glenda Hood from ordering that provisional ballots be tallied only if they were cast in the correct precinct.

Hood spokeswoman Alia Faraj said the ruling was "a victory for all Floridians who want an orderly elec"Florida law simply requires that those who use provisional ballots be treated equally with all other voters who have to cast their ballots in their assigned precinct," Faraj said.

Mark Herron, a lawyer for the Democrats, said Hinkle's ruling doesn't make sense. "You'd think people who are entitled to vote are entitled to have their ballots counted," he said.

Herron said the party hadn't decided whether to ap-

Provisional ballots are required nationally for the first time this year. They are supposed to prevent what happened in the 2000 election, when an estimated 1.5 million registered voters were mistakenly turned away from the polls because of clerical errors or other problems.

Democrats have sued in states where election officials have ruled that provisional ballots should not be considered valid if voters cast them in the wrong precinct — a potential disadvantage to poor people who tend to move more frequently.

The election officials say the measures are needed to ensure fair elections, but Democrats say it unconstitutionally disenfranchises voters who may not know their polling place.

Federal judges around the country have issued differing opinions on the matter.



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Bush: Election boils down to who can keep America safer

By DER RIECHMANN The Associated Press

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. - President Bush, in a new line of criticism aimed at Sen. John Kerry said Friday the choice in this presidential race boils down to who can keep American homes safer from terrorists and contended his opponent was not up to the task during wartime

Bush said families face five choices of "great consequence" in the election — security, home budgets, quality of life, retire-ment and values — but argued that security tops the list.

"All progress on every other issue depends on the safety of our citizens," Bush told supporters in a retooled stump speech.

"Americans will go to the polls in a time of war and ongoing threat to our country.'

Eastern Pennsylvania Bush's first stop on a day of campaigning in which he's hitting three showdown states - Penn sylvania. Ohio and Florida. Winning all three would amount to a political trifecta: they account for one-fourth of the 270 electoral votes needed for victory.

Pennsylvania is the only one of the three that Bush lost to Democrat Al Gore in 2000. A new poll of likely voters in Pennsylvania found 51 percent supporting Kerry and 46 percent favoring Rush

Bush reminded voters that this is the first election since the Sept. 11. 2001 attacks, and said the threat has not subsided.

"The enemies who killed thousands of innocent people are still dangerous and determined to

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strike us again," he said. If terror-ists like Abu Musab al-Zarqawi wasn't busy fighting American forces in Iraq, Bush asked sarcastically, does Kerry think they'd be opening a small business

Bush said Kerry considers the war on terror primarily a law en-forcement and intelligence-gathering operation, a frequent charge on the campaign trail that Kerry denies. One of Kerry's foreign policy advisers likened it to the metaphorical "war on povertv." Bush said.

"I've got news," Bush said. "Anyone who thinks we're fighting a metaphor does not understand the enemy we face and has no idea how to win the war and

keep America secure.' Kerry spokesman Phil Singer said Bush's new stump speech is as "dishonest as the old one."

On the issues



Do you rule out a draft over the next

President Bush



to keeping participation in the United States Armed Services voluntary.

Recruitment and retention rates remain strong, and the military has not had any problem maintaining a capable force. We will not have a draft so long as I'm the president, In order to win

"Yes. I am committed the war on terror, we must ensure that our troops are highly skilled and specialized, and that they are trained and equipped to successfully complete their missions. The all-voluntary Army allows us to create the strong. capable, and skilled force that we need, which is why the allvoluntary Army is working superbly.

Sen. John Kerry



"I oppose reinstating the draft, and I am committed to an all volunteer military, and I'll have a foreign

policy that brings allies to our side to share the burden around the world. I have a plan to expand the all-volunteer active duty Army by 40,000 soldiers.

Not by draft, and not to increase the number of soldiers in Iraq, but to add new volunteer soldiers trained and ready to meet new threats and relieve the strain on our troops. My plan will bring more of our soldiers, Guardsmen and Reservists back home to their families and get them time for the new training they need."

Kerry vows to help working women

BY MARY DALRYMPLE The Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Repackaging his domestic agenda on education, health care and jobs, Sen. John Kerry pledged Friday to support working women and their children if elected presi-

"At their jobs and at home, no one in this White House understands the challenges that they face. No matter how tough it gets, no one in the White House seems to be listening." Kerry

"The women I meet, they don't expect the government to do their jobs for them, but they do want leaders who are on their side as they try to do their jobs,' he said

Kerry said his combination of plans to raise the minimum wage, improve education and expand health care would help women struggling to care for their fami-

Kerry reached out to working women as the campaign started to motivate the party's traditionally strongest supporters to come out and vote on Nov. 2.

Exit polls showed that four years ago, 54 percent of women voted for Democrat Al Gore while 43 percent voted for President

An Associated Press poll showed that among likely voters, Kerry holds an edge over Bush

The AP-Ipsos survey showed Kerry with support from 55 percent of women and Bush with 40 nercent

Kerry told the mostly female audience in Milwaukee that he would reverse losses they suffered financially and educationally under the Republican administration

"President Bush talks about an ownership society. Now we know what he really means," Kerry said. "Sorry, you're on your

Kerry said he wants to close the gap between wages paid to men and women and raise the minimum wage to \$7 an hour.

He also criticized the president for not allocating enough money for public schools and threatening women's retirements by having "raided the Social Security trust fund to pay for tax breaks for the wealthiest Americans."

In response, Bush campaign spokesman Steve Schmidt said Kerry has voted the wrong way for American women and their families during his 20 years in the Senate

"John Kerry talks about making life better for women, but he voted for higher taxes on their gas. He voted for higher taxes on their Social Security benefits. He even voted for higher taxes on their children and their marriage es," Schmidt said.

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Maverick candidates not shy about elections

By LISA HOFFMAN

Scripps Howard News Service

In Lexington, Ky., a billboard calls on voters to "Elect Jesus Christ Savior" to the

city council. In Tennessee, a GOP congressional candidate boasts he is to the left of Karl Marx on some issues and akin to the right wing

on others In Minnesota, a high school senior is running for mayor with the slogan: "Uncorrupted by years of experience

And in Texas, a Republican House hopeful was depicted baring it all - and we're not talking about his soul.

Even in this, one of the most bitterly battled campaign seasons in recent memory, offbeat candidates and unusual tactics can

Here's a look at some of the more colorful campaigns and contenders

Jacques Wigginton stirred things up in his re-election bid for the Lexington, Ky., city council by displaying an "Elect Jesus message on a billboard.

Wigginton said the sign was intended to promote faith and community involvement, not to link himself to Jesus

But opponent Tom Blues said the fact that the Jesus billboard also features a "Wigginton for Council" message means

his rival is doing just that. "The implication is clear that if you elect Jesus, then you'll elect Jacques," Blues told a local newspaper.

■ In nearby Tennessee, GOP candidate James Hart says he's opposed to usury, free trade and affirmative action, describing himself on workers' issues as "so far

Republican senator plays hardball

FLORENCE, Kv. - Sen, Jim Bunning, a hard thrower during his Hall of Fame baseball career, fired at his Democratic opponent Wednesday, accusing him of spreading "disgusting" rumors that the incumbent is mentally incompetent.

"I think that's the lowest of the low of anybody who I have ever run against," said the 72-year-old Republican, who charged that Daniel Mongiardo's campaign conducted a "push-poll" that asked respondents: "Did you hear that Jim Bun ning was mentally incompetent to run for the U.S. Senate?'

"The rumors that have been spread by my opponent about my health are disgust-ing," Bunning said during a campaign stop here. left I make Karl Marx look like the Chris-

The real estate agent, who is battling in-

cumbent Democratic Rep. John Tanner

for the 8th Congressional District seat, also

believes in using genetic selection to "im-

prove biologically the quality of future gen-

erations," according to his campaign pam-

■ In Oklahoma, the race for the open

U.S. Senate seat features retired GOP Rep.

Tom Coburn, a doctor who has been ac-

cused of sterilizing a patient against her

will and who has drawn headlines for favor

"People who know me know the truth."

as "just another ab-

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do's staffers assault-



ed his wife at a political picnic, leaving her "black and blue." Mongiardo has denied the accusations.

ing the death penalty for doctors who perform abortions Also in the race is Democrat Brad Car-

son, an unsmiling former Rhodes Scholar who travels the state in a pickup truck and has earned the top rating of the National Rifle Association.

Independent candidate Sheila Bilyeu, a former high school counselor, claims that the government planted a small radio receiver in her head in the 1970s and continues to send transmissions just to annoy

Among those she has sued for conspiring

against her are former President Bill Clinton, TV Jeopardy game show host Alex

Trebek and CBS newsman Dan Rather. Bilyeu, who said she is running because she is opposed to the war in Iraq, scored 3 percent of likely voters in a recent poll.

■ In her write-in candidacy for mayor of St. Mary's Point, Minn., Erin Feehan-Nelson, 17, is trying to capitalize on her political neophyte status by positioning herself as too young to have become corrupt. Problem is, she's also too young to vote or serve in office. No matter, the high-school senior vows to take the issue to court if she's elect-

■ In Florida, Democrats have made an issue out of alleged GOP attempts to keep convicted felons from voting, even though they have had their voting rights restored. But in New Mexico, it's Democrats who are opposing a candidate with a criminal record who is running for a state Senate seat

GOP contender John Ryan pleaded guilty when he was 18 to burglarizing a house, stealing paintings, then trying to extort money for return of the artwork. Even though Ryan, now 42, won a governor's par-don in 1977, Democrats are using his criminal past against him.

■ The youthful indiscretion of GOP Rep. Pete Sessions also has come back to haunt him in his battle to beat Democratic Rep. Martin Frost in a new Dallas-area district.

Democrats have circulated 1974 newspaper clippings of a mass "streaking" Southwest Texas State University that depicted Sessions, then 18, and some 300 others baring their behinds as they raced around campus during a nationwide streak-

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Young voters look to fake news anchor for insight

By JOE GAROFOLI

San Francisco Chronicle Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry has secured the support of a man who influences millions of young voters: Jon Stewart, host of Comedy Central's late-night satire "The Daily

Show But Stewart's comment in an interview that he'll vote for Kerry isn't an endorsement, his representatives say. Besides, his audi-

But don't expect Kerry-supporter Stewart to give formal endorsement

ence of young viewers doesn't pay attention to endorsements.

To this new generation of voters, actions are a more powerful statement - like Stewart eviscerating the hosts of CNN's "Crossfire" live on their show last week.

"Here is someone who is ridiculing the system, yet he will be part of the system and vote," said Josh Koenig, a co-founder of

Music for America, a year-old effort to engage young voters. "When he did that on 'Crossfire, we were jumping up and down.

That's exactly how young people It is yet another testament to skepticism about the political sysshow has become what Walter

tem and a media-savvy culture that the anchor of a fake news

Cronkite was to an older generation: The Most Trusted Man in America - Fake News Anchor Division

As the "Dear Jon" online petition urging Stewart to make an endorsement reads: "For better or worse, you are a primary source of news for people of our generation '

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will call politicians and public figures on their actions, you have earned the respect of a demographic fed up with being treated as consumers, rather than participants with a stake in their future. Whether or not you want it," says the open letter on the Web site www. dearionstewart.com.

But even one of the site's

co-founders was unclear whether Stewart had made endorsement. Not that it really mattered if he

"The intention of the site was to get people to sign the petition," said

Stanford University junior Adam Schwartz, who helped create the site as part of his work with Baobabs, a group trying to organize col-

lege students in swing states. Nodding to studies saying that people are more likely to vote it they get involved in the political process — even by signing a peti-tion — Schwartz and others used Stewart, 41, as bait to hook young voters. After all, 20 percent of young voters get their news from The Daily Show," according to a survey in June by the Pew Foun-

"So is what he said an endorse. ment?" Schwartz said.

That depends on whom you

In a personal appearance last week at Syracuse University, Stewart said "it looks like Kerry," when asked who he planned to vote for Nov. 2. "I'd be stunned if something happened to change my mind

Stewart's reasoning: "If one guv drove me into a ditch and said, 'Don't worry, I know how to drive us out of this,' I'll give the keys to a 7-year-old at that point.

Comedy Central spokesman Steve Albani was quick to point out "that what Jon said in no way constitutes an endorsement." Stewart spokesman Matt Lebov said, "I don't think that's an endorsement. He was asked who he's going to vote for, and he answered."

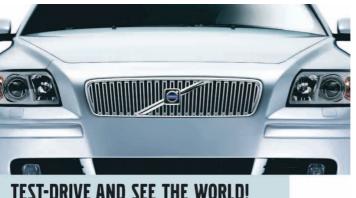
Both noted that Stewart was not speaking for "The Daily Show," which will not endorse a candidate, fake or real. Many fans agreed that it would be differ ent if Stewart expressed his preference on his show. That would be improper, Lebov said.

"That would be like [ABC

News'] Peter Jennings endorsing someone," he said. Even if Jennings were a fake

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Vaccine expert: World not ready for flu pandemic

BY HAWON JUNG

The Associated Press

SEOUL - It's only a matter of time before another deadly flu pandemic strikes, an international vaccine expert warned Friday, saying that the world is ill-prepared to cope with a major outbreak of disease possibly because the manufacture of vaccines is governed by profit.

"We are talking about a killer influenza that would kill probably tens of millions of people," said John D. Clemens, director of the International Vaccine Institute, "We're not talking about if, we're talking about

The United States is suffering a shortage

of flu vaccines after a British supplier, Chiron Corp., was barred from shipping between 46 million and 48 million doses to the

nation because of contamination at its plant. "The current shortage of vaccine in the United States can be attributed to reliance on too few producers," Clemens said in an exclusive interview with The Associated Press, "Globally, in terms of vaccine development and production that could respond quickly to a killer influenza pandemic, we're inadequately prepared."

Clemens - whose institute has been helping to introduce new vaccines against diarrhea infections, bacterial meningitis and mosquito-born viral diseases for developing nations since 1999 - warned that similar supply disruptions could hit vaccines against other pandemics.

"Something like 80 percent of the world's measles vaccines come from one company in India," Clemens said. "If that company had a problem like Chiron had, it would be a disaster."

"The vaccines that tend to be most affected ... are the vaccines that are the least profitable and of less interest," he said. "Maybe it's a bit risky for a society to rely purely on free market economics to guarantee a stable reliable supply of vaccines."

Last week, scientists reported that, for the first time, malaria vaccines had protected some children in Mozambique. Malaria kills more than a million people a year,

700,000 of them children. The experimen tal vaccines were made by GlaxoSmith-

Kline While most pharmaceutical companies are unwilling to produce drugs that don't generate a profit, Clemens said the malaria experiments indicated positive progress.

It is very unlikely that even a highly effective malaria vaccine can be very profit-able. Yet GSK, one of the world's largest multinational producers, is actively involved in the creation of the malaria vaccine," he said.

A lack of adequate funding remains one of the biggest obstacles for developing affordable vaccines. Billions of dollars of donations are yet "a drop in the bucket in coverage of vaccinating children in developing nations," Clemens said.

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Frist defends lawmakers' vaccinations

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said Thursday that lawmakers on Capitol Hill who received flu shots in his office were either following federal guidelines or their own doctors' recommendations

Frist was responding to criticism that his office was used as a makeshift clinic to administer shots to lawmakers two days after the government asked healthy adults to forgo the vaccinations because of a nationwide shortage.

"They keep mentioning my name as if I had done something exceptional, when I hadn't," Frist said

He claimed the presidential campaign of Democrat John Kerry is blowing the issue out of proportion for "political gain" and suggested trial lawyers, like Kerry's running mate John Edwards, contributed to the shortage with lawsuits against vaccination makers. The Kerry campaign pointed out that Frist and other GOP luminaries were getting the shots while the Bush administration was telling the rest of the country to be calm.

Frist, himself a physician, said he got his own inoculation before new federal guidelines were announced Oct. 5. Those guidelines urged healthy people to reserve remaining flu vaccine for older adults and young children who are most at risk for flu complica-

Frist also noted that one-third of Senate members are 65 or older, which is within the guidelines for receiving the vaccine.

Some members of Congress who got shots said Capitol physician Dr. John Eisold recommended they be vaccinated because they frequently come into contact with children and older people. and could spread as well as catch

"I think a case can be made that you don't want to be infecting other people," Frist said.



54 years after death, GI interred

DNA tests allowed family of lieutenant killed in Korea to have funeral

The Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. Teddy Lilly is home at last.

The 22-year-old soldier was reported killed more than 54 years ago in one of the bloodiest battles of the Korean War. But it wasn't until Thursday that his remains were laid to rest among his family in his home town.

"I had given up hope," said Alma Hodes, who married Lilly about five weeks before he was sent to Korea. "But deep in your heart, you always wonder."

The remains of 2nd Lt. Ednund "Teddy" Lilly III were recovered in South Korea and buried in Honolulu, but identified only this summer through DNA testing. His funeral was held Thursday at St. John's Episcopal Church, where he once served as an acolyte.

Scripture and hymns told of Lilly having already gone home.

"From the moment the mortar exploded, his soul soared like an eagle to his God," the Rev. Louanne Loch said.

She read a poem written years ago by Lilly's father, Col. Edmund J. Lilly Jr., who had been held prisoner in World War II: "Word came! Our fears were realized. It stabbed us like a knife. Our boy so loved his freedom that he bought it with his life."

Afterward, Lilly's remains were buried in a family plot at nearby Cross Creek Cemetery.

The services were attended by Lilly's widow, two sisters, old friends and younger relatives — only a few of whom were old enough to remember him.

Garrett Dale, Lilly's 22-year-old great-nephew, is in the Air Force. He had researched Lilly's story, but learned much more since the DNA match was made in June.

"I was rather overjoyed," Dale said. "This is such a rare occurrence. It does hit you with national pride that they're still trying to find [remains]. To know even in death, he's still one of our own."

Lilly was one of more than 8,100 servicemen considered missing in action from the Korean War. He belonged to the 1st Battalion of the 9th Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division. His company was wiped out at the battle of the Pusan Perimeter, one of the most violent of the war.

Lilly died Sept. 3, 1950; he was posthumously awarded the Silver

tar. His remains were identified



Alma Hodes, seated right, is presented a POW/MIA flag by Frank Hicks of Rolling Thunder during funeral services for Znd Lt. Zdmund "Teddy" Lilly III at Cross Creek Cemetery in Fayetteville, N.C., on Thursday. Next to Hodes are Lilly's sisters Victoria "Tori" MacMillan, left, and Elizabeth Ann Barrett. Lilly was killed in action during the Korean War.

from those of about 1,000 soldiers in buried Hawaii's Punchbowl Cemetery using DNA samples taken from his sisters. Only a few servicemen from the cemetery have been identified, according to the Pentagon's POW/MIA Office.

the Pentagon's POW/MIA Office. Retired Col. William Baxley spent three years as Lilly's roommate at the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and graduated with him in 1950.

Baxley was supposed to go to

Korea, too, but he was sent to Alaska instead. "I wrote him a letter from Alas-

"I wrote him a letter from Alaska, and I got it back," Baxley said. "I think it said 'missing in action." Just returned, unopened."

Woman takes over house, identity while owner travels

The Associated Press

DOUGLASVILLE, Ga. — A woman came home from vacation to find a stranger living there, wearing her clothes, changing utilities into her name and even ripping out carpet and repainting a room side with like authorities exid

didn't like, authorities said.

Douglas County authorities say they can't explain why Beverly Valentine, 54, broke into an empty home and started acting like it was her own.

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During the 2½ weeks the owner, Beverly Mitchell, was on vacation in Greece, Valentine allegedly redecorated the ranch home, ripping up carpet and taking down the owner's pictures and replacing them with her own.

Mitchell was a complete unknown to Valentine, said Chief Sheriff's Deputy Stan Copeland. He said he had no idea how Valentine knew Mitchell

was gone. Valentine was being held in Douglas County Jail on a \$25,000 bond, Copeland said. If convicted, she could face one to 20 years in prison. Copeland said Friday that he believed Valentine did not have a lawyer.

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Survivor talks of

'second chance'

Man amazed to be alive after crash

BY ERIN VAN BRONKHORST ventory and repair telecommuni-The Associated Press

SEATTLE - Matthew Ramige knew immediately how lucky he was in the moments after the small plane he was riding in crashed into the Montana wilder-

ness a month ago And to hear him tell it, he was just as lucky that he wasn't the only one to still be alive

Two people onboard were killed. Two others survived — including 23-year-old Jodee Hogg, who Ramige said helped him escape from the smoldering wreck-

age.
"My right boot was lodged on something, and her strength jos-tled me free and if it weren't for her I don't know if I could have gotten out of the plane by myself," he said Wednesday, a month after the Sent. 20 crash near Glacier National Park, where the Forest Service workers were being ferried to conduct an annual vegetation incation facilities.

Considering where they were, cheating death on impact was just the beginning of Ramige's struggle to survive.

Looking down, Ramige saw that his hands were badly burned and his clothing was charred and in tatters. His back was broken a compression fracture. Hogg had suffered a sprained foot and hack

"I was just glad that I survived and amazed that I had survived, he said. "It's like being given a second chance, and gaining a new perspective on life.

That first snowy, windy night, Hogg and passenger Ken Good, who also made it out of the plane, made a "Matt sandwich," holding him to protect him, he said. Good was a big man and his body provided heat for all of them. Ramige

By the next morning, Good was



Matthew Ramige, of Jackson Hole, Wvo., looks around during a news conference on Wednesday at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle where he spoke about surviving a small plane crash.

dead - and no rescuers had ar- wanted nothing more than to stop

But there was another stroke of luck: Despite his injuries, Ramige could still walk.

The 30-year-old donned the dead man's flight jacket and the two began their hike out of Montana's rugged Great Bear-Bob Marshall Wilderness Complex. Ground crews reached the burned wreckage later that day but found no signs of the survi vors and believed all aboard had

Along the way, Ramige had to lie awkwardly on his stomach to drink water from streams, then somehow get back up. When he

and rest, Ramige says Hogg kept him going.

Ramige's family, meanwhile, had been told by authorities that he was certainly dead. Relatives had even begun making funeral preparations while he and Hogg were traveling some three to five miles over rough terrain, a pain-ful journey that would take them 29 hours

"The first real recognition that we were going to make it was when we heard a train — there's Amtrak that goes through there along Highway 2 — and we knew basically where we were and that it was only a few miles to go," he

After they flagged down motorists, Ramige was taken by helicop hospital in Kalispell, Mont., and then transferred to Harborview in Seattle, the region's burn center.

Walking stiffly, Ramige wore a back brace and treatment gloves Wednesday, five days after being released. He underwent two skin-graft surgeries for burns on his chest, right thigh and right hand during his 25-day hospital

The Jackson, Wyo., native will travel to Montana and then to his mother's home in Albany, N.Y., to complete his recovery

Woman given liver honors late donor, 7. in Calif. town

The Associated Press

BODEGA BAY, Calif. Ten years after a 7-year-old boy was slain in Italy — and his parents touched the nation by donating his organs — one of the organ recipients traveled to the child's hometown to help honor him.

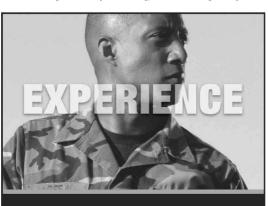
Maria Pia Pedala was dying of hepatitis in September 1994 when Nicholas Green was fa-tally shot in the head after robbers opened fire on his family's car as they traveled on vacation in Calabria

The tragedy was front-page news in Italy, and the story grew even bigger with the organ donation — something comparatively rare in that country at the time. Pedala, one of seven patients to receive transplants, was in a coma when she received Nicholas' liver.

"I'm here thanks to Nichoshe said. "Nicholas is the first thing I think of when I wake up in the morning and the last thing I think of before I go to sleep.

On Thursday, Pedala head-ed for Nicholas' hometown of Bodega Bay for a ceremony at the Children's Bell Tower, built in the boy's memory. She brought with her a 10-pound bell to present to a man who's running for the 10th consecutive year in a 199-mile relay designed to raise awareness of organ donation.

weekend, Pedala This planned to be at the start and the finish of the race, which begins in the wine country community of Calistoga and ends in the heach town of Santa



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Video games stage digital race for White House

tainment have long converged with politics. But this year, something different is in the air - and on movie screens, in bookstores, on the radio, and everywhere else

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media is consumed. This is the last part of a six-part

BY ANTHONY BREZNICAN

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The Associated Press LOS ANGELES . Super Mario for president? Probably not (since he wasn't born in America), but for the first time in presidential politics video games have entered the race, joining Internet

newest format for political expression. So what options do gamers have in the digital campaign? Armchair political junkies can try to outfox President Bush's election strategist Karl Rove or attempt to run John Kerry by building support in battleground states in Political Machine

Meanwhile, with a downloaded mission for the shooting adventure "Kuma War." anvone curious about the battle in which John Kerry won his Silver Star for heroism can step into his combat boots and engage in a firefight from the deck of swift boat on the Mekong Delta in 1969

Those who like a dose of gross-out humor with their intricate public-policy debate can try

out

"Bushgame.com," in which 1980s TV characters wage war against monsters in the Bush administra-The re-

the end of each goofy level: a text critique that lambastes the president's positions on Iraq, the economy, taxes and Social Security as bad for Ameri-

ward

ca's future.

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Proprietor of KerrySucks.com

"I just hoped that people can

go beyond the obvious little

soundbites you hear all the time

and have better ammunition and

better understanding of the rea-

sons why Bush should be out of

In the game, which can be

played on the Internet, players

start out as Mr. T, Hulk Hogan

or He-Man fighting "corporate

pigs" and mutant versions of

Homeland Security Secretary

Tom Ridge, Attorney General

John Ashcroft or Vice President

Digital versions of Howard

Dean (with "super scream" ac-

tion), Christopher Reeve (whose

character wants stem-cell re-

search) and Howard Stern join

the fight as you progress. In one

level, the player must wait for an

Dick Cheney

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the White House," he said.

nonpartisan approach. In "The Political Machine," you can play as either candidate, and the issues they face - gun control, terrorism, education — aren't spun for or against either contender.

Players compete by building campaign headquarters, collecting contributions, broadcasting ads, and supporting issues that are traditional to their respective parties, said Larry Kuperman, marketing executive for game creator Stardock Enter-

"A Republican that came out and said, 'I don't think anyone should ever be able to own a gun' ... that's saying, 'I want to lose the election as quickly as possible," Kuperman said.

Others, like 25-year-old "Bushgame" creator Jason Oda, are play out as a bridge to a new fighting arena.

Oda acknowledges it's got its share of bad taste, too: Players try to stop the president's father and mother, George and Barbara, from mating and producing other Bushes, which shoot out from between her legs and go on the attack.

He said he was aiming at young "South Park" fans who may not care about politics, and sees this kind of humor as a way to educate them and get them to

Gross-out tactics aren't limited to Democrats

David Sicherman, 31, proprietor of KerrySucks.com, show-cases games like "The Kerry Torture Chamber," which allows players to kick the Massachusetts senator in the groin or poke his eye bloody.

He described it as good-natured catharsis for the politically frustrated.

"The average [Internet] surfer is not interested in politics, he said. "No one is going decide who they're going to vote for based on the video game, but if they play an anti-Kerry game, and they're anti-Kerry, it makes them laugh



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Putting the XXX in X-Box

Video game companies turn focus from Pong to porn

BY DON OLDENBURG The Washington Post

The hikini-clad coed draws a blank on the first question: "Which king in a deck of cards has no mustache?' Clueless, she adjusts her

skimpy top and says, "Spades?" "Wrong!" shouts the game host. Knowing what's coming next, the college guys grunt and hoot and the babes scream "wooo!" For missing the ques-tion, the happy coed must pull

her top down.

Topless babes are the payoff in "The Guy Game," a new trivia video game whose raunchy banter and racy content falls somewhere between barely decent and indecently bare. Players must answer trivia questions correctly

and guess whether busty coeds will. The more right answers, the less the digital "knocker blockobscure the nudity.

By the end, it's topless rope

jumping and sack races. Get ready for video games gone wild this fall: Several mainstream game publishers are releasing bawdy games containing nudity and explicit sexual content. "The Guy Game" and "Leisure Suit Larry: Magna Cum Laude" are already out. An adults-only "Singles: Flirt Up Your Life" is being sold online, with a toned-down M-rated version on the way. November will bring "Playboy: The Mansion" and "Rumble Roses," the first all-women's-wrestling game, featuring unquestionably

These are the raciest games

ever made for the mainstream market, their graphic graphics setting a precedent for a whole exual dimension. Some exnerts say it's the next evolution in the industry, one that could ex-pand the focus of the "M" rating from bad language and violence to prurience.

Why now? Because the first gaming generation has grown up. The \$7 billion-a-year video game industry now caters to players whose average age is 29, not the nerdy teen stereotype, according to the Entertainment Software As-sociation. Yet 85 percent of all games sold in 2003 were rated "E" for everyone or "T" for teen.

"It would be naive to think given that market," said ESA President Douglas Lowenstein. "that forevermore video gaming would be a completely pure and chaste field."

Leading the pack since its Au-gust release is "The Guy Game," which one reviewer called "You Don't Know Jack' with boobs," referring to the popular trivia video game series. Jeff Spangenberg, CEO of TopHeavy Studios, mak-ers of "The Guy Game," said reviews have been mixed but sales been good, though he wouldn't provide figures.

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toward guys about things guys like competing against vour buddies showing up your buddies and topless nudity," said. "But other people were just so offended that there is sex in a video game and they could not get over that.

If the topic is aked, you can bet Playboy isn't far from the action. upcoming "Playboy: The Mansion" allows players Hugh Hefner and build the Playboy

empire. An M-rated takeoff on popular company-building ne "Tycoon," the game's hardly all business: Around practically every corner is a bevy of bun-

With the first generation of video gamers now in their late 20s and early 30s, game companies are catering to their older audiences with racier games. "Playboy: The Mansion" gives players a chance to be Hugh Hefner and build the Playboy empire.

see dirty pictures - you can use the Internet for that," said Joe Minton, president of the game's publisher, Cyberlore Studio

'It's a really cool game. It's like seeing an R-rated movie that's a really good movie, Minton said. The game, along with other sexual-content titles, got a publicity goose from October's Playboy maga-zine: Video gammagaing's most come-hither vix ens were featured in a five-page pictorial "Gaming called Grows Un Among

showing off their digital assets is the half-vampire, half-vamp Blood-Rayne. "She's coy and there is definite

innuendo, but there's no rampant sex or nudity in the game and I don't anticipate her ever getting naked there," said Ken Gold, vice president of marketing at Majesco, maker of "BloodRayne

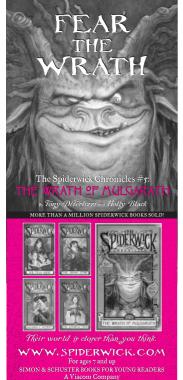
2," released Oct. 12. Sex in video games isn't alto-gether new. Game designers made a few adult titles before ESRB ratings began labeling content in 1994. The original late-'80s "Leisure Suit Larry" featured campy shenanigans in which disco loser Larry tries to seduce

overly endowed women Since then, bikini-clad babes and slutty prostitutes have popped up in various games. But last year's "BMX XXX" took the cheesecake, rewarding players for completing bike stunts with video clips of topless strippers.

Many stores wouldn't stock it Its maker, Acclaim, filed for bankruptcy in August, though "BMX didn't single-handedly bring it down. But if reviewers dismissed its nudity as gratuitous, this year's games are getting a more serious look.

The ESA's Lowenstein says concerned parents can breathe easy. "I don't think there is any ques-

tion there are some games that are pushing the envelope when it comes to sexual content," he said 'But it remains to be seen how successful those games will be. In the end, it is still all about the quality of the game.





Home drug test kits gather mixed results

By JULIE McCORMICK Scripps Howard

Kendra Wetterland didn't mind all that much when her mom decided to start testing her for pot smoking with a home test kit

from a store. "I didn't understand why she would do that if she knew I was using, but it showed she cared," said the attractive 16-year-old

from Gig Harbor, Wash. Trouble was, Kendra was smoking pot regularly at the time, but the tests her mother administered twice a month never gave a positive result.

She is now in treatment for methamphetamine use

to parents after the Food and Drug Admin istration approved them six years ago and have proved popular not only at retailers but through scores of sites on the Internet.

But a new study of the kits available online concluded that they can be unreliable. Plus, many don't offer concerned parents enough information to accurately administer a test. And most overly emphasize the unproven claim that regular testing by parents offers a child an excuse to give peers who ressure them to try drugs, researchers at

Children's Hospital in Boston reported. "Laboratory testing for drugs of abuse is a technically challenging procedure, even for medical professionals," wrote the researchers. They also found information in

"In addition, none of the sites described the different stages of drug use or gave parents insight into the different treatment needs for an experimental user versus a teen with a diagnosis of abuse or dependenthey wrote.

Most important, parents who use home drug tests can jeopardize the vital trust relationship with their child, the researchers warned.

Only one kit purveyor they surveyed warned parents against forcing children to submit to tests, a practice professionals dismiss as invasive and counterproductive.

Some who sell drug test kits over the Internet also sell the means to outsmart

them, researchers found.

use by their children give mixed reviews the idea of home drug testing.

Without the benefit of the researchers' insights, some believe it could be an aid to

parents "I think the home tests are good. It at least gives you a starting point," said Robert Gardner, whose 15-year-old son, Chris

Kurtz, started treatment after confessing his marijuana dependency Gardner did not test Chris for drugs, but

learned of his problem after Chris started getting into trouble with the law and missing school.

Chris said he wouldn't have agreed to

testing even if his parents had proposed it. "I wouldn't do it because I think at the point I was using, I wasn't ready to admit something needed to be done," he said.



SPECIAL TO STARS AND STRIPES

Walter Scott's Personality

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l see Hugh Grant not only has a new film out next month, "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason," but also a new lady. Can you tell us about her? — Nora R., Ozone Park, N.Y. She's Jemima Khan, 30, daughter of the late billionaire A She's Jemima Knan, 50, uauginer of the last Sir James Goldsmith and former wife of Pakistan's great cricketer Imran Khan, with whom she has two children. Hugh, 44, seems serious about Jemima, but her friends say that, for once, he has met someone even more commitment phobic than he is.

Read Cotter has been on the country-music scene for a long time. How much did winning on "Nashville Star" improve his career? — J. Turner, Dallas, Texas

A whole bunch. "I worried that doing reality TV might be career suicide," Brad. 34, tells us. "But less than two months after winning, my CD 'Patient Man' debuted at No. 4 on the coun-try charts." Incidentally, he'll perform for our troops stationed in Europe later This "Nashville star" plans this fall



to play for troops in Furone.

Rick Schroder was terrific on "NYPD Blue." What has he Que since leaving that cop show? — D. Douglas, Chatham, N.Y.

Nothing for TV. Rick, whose breakout role came at age 5 lin "The Champ," recently directed another boxing film, Black Cloud, "about a Native American who becomes a Golden Gloves winner. It opened this month and was financed by five tribes in Artizona, where Rick, 34, lives with his Mormon wife, Andrea, 31, and their three kids. He next plans to direct a film about the two wives of a Mormon pioneer in the 1800s, based on his own script.

Why would the producers of "CSI: Miami" kill off such a likable character as "Speed"? — Maryann Larson, Clearwater, Fla.

"Don't be mad at CBS. I asked to get out of my contract, A "Don't be mad at CBS. I asked to get out of my contract," says Rory Cochrane, 32, who played the geeky-but-cool forensic tech Tim Speedle. "I ran out of steam after the monotony of the same explanatory scientific dialogue for two years." Rory says he's forbidden to do another TV series for four years but is in a feature film, "A Scanner Darkly, due out next year.



Rory Cochrane, who played a forensic specialist on "CSI: Miami." says he left the show on his own terms.



Alicia Keys: Don't bother calling this successful singer's number.

I heard that R&B singer Alicia Keys gives out her phone number in her CD "The Diary of Alicia Keys." True? — Diane Polk, Pittsburgh, Pa.

No. It's an old number she no longer uses. But Alicia, 23, No. It's an old number sne no longer uses. But I have, an has been racking up some real numbers with "Diary" has been racking up some real numbers with "Diary". The CD has sold more than 3 million copies. And in November she'll publish a book of her song lyrics and poems, titled "Tears for Water."

I love Andy Rooney's commentary on "60 Minutes." My husband says he's married. I say no. A bet is riding on this. Who's right? — Punky Harding, Roundup, Mont.

Andy's wife of 62 years, Marguerite, died last April at

Andy's wife of 62 years, Marguerre, and the 1884. Andy himself is 85 and going strong. "I feel that people who retire just peter out," he tells us. "I have one of the greatest jobs in the world. Why would I ever want to retire?" We hope he never does.

To whom did Sen. Hillary Clinton turn for advice when she learned that her husband was going to undergo quadruple-bypass surgery? — D. Cole, Portland, Ore. An unlikely source: Tennessee Sen. Bill Frist, 52, the Re-

An unlikely source: Tennessee sen. Din F100, 02, Din F100, spectrum - and may end up opposing each other in the 2008 Presidential race - but Dr. Frist reassured Mrs. Clinton, 56, telling her that he knew her husband's surgeons, and they were among the world's best. The two senators also co-authored an op-ed piece in The Washington Post calling for wider use of information technology in health

Charles Lindbergh was one of America's greatest he-Proes. But I've heard he had a secret second family in Germany, True? — J. Maroney, Lewes, Del.

AYes. DNA tests last year confirmed that Lindbergh — first man to fly solo across the Atlantic nonstop — had

three illegitimate children in Germany. His relationship with Brigitte Hesshaimer, Munich hat maker, lasted from 1957 to his death in 1974 at 72. "Lucky Lindy's" wife, Anne, was lucky enough to die at 93 in 2001, apparently unaware of the affair. Brigitte died the same year at 74.

Qls Gwyneth Paltrow really abandoning her movie career for motherhood? — Vicki Catelain, Cave Creek, Ariz.

ANo. When a highly paid movie star starts talking Paltrow isn't likely to about giving up her day job, it's always a good idea to listen stay on the sidelines.

carefully to what she says. Gwyneth's exact words were: "I can't imagine going back to shoot a movie." After a few more months of early-morning feedings and changing diapers, we predict her imagination will improve.

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Candidates' differences not hidden

or all its negativism and nastiness, this fall's campaign has been instructive in one very important way. It has given us a better understanding of much the

strengths and weak-nesses of John Ker-David Broder and George Bush's approach to the job of being presi-

dent The learning has come from two sources. One is our firsthand observation of the sharply contrasting ways these two men considered and answered questions

in their three debates. The other is some first-rate journal ism exploring in considerable depth how the candidates have made decisions and how they manage their staffs in their present jobs.

Because he has been president for almost four years, we already knew a lot about Bush. We knew that he is someone who operates from clear, explicit moral and religious principles; relies on his instincts to guide his judgments; persists in a chosen course of action, even when conditions change and serious obstacles arise; and displays to the public an optimistic, engaging personality.

But in the course of the last few months, far more of the hazards of his approach have become apparent: a reluctance to recognize errors or correct them; a tendency to deal with issues in a single dimension; a reluctance to delve deeply into the broader effects of his own policy decisions; a dependence on a small, closed circle of advisers; and an impatience when challenged.

In looking ahead to a possible second term, it is safe to assume that the same strengths and weaknesses would continue, even if his priorities should change from Iraq and tax reduction to Iran and Social Security reform.

We knew much less about Kerry be-

chusetts for almost two decades had not really merited careful national analysis. The positive qualities he has displayed this year and in the past — are an ability to dig deeply into a subject and master its details, to formulate and articulate reasonable-sounding (if untested) proposals. and a knack for exploiting political openings while avoiding political threats.

But we also know much more about his liabilities: a tendency to overstudy issues, procrastinate and avoid hard choices; a willingness to be swayed by conflicting advice; an awkwardness in dealing with colleagues and staff: and a frequent impression that decisions are being guided by opportunism rather than firm beliefs

In an ideal world, a president would combine the best qualities of both men, giving us a chief executive with firm principles, a winning personality, an agile mind, a mastery of policy, superior politi-cal skills and a gift of eloquence. That candidate is not in the field this year.

Instead, what we have are two examples of what Charles O. Jones, the presidential scholar who has ties to both the University of Wisconsin-Madison and The Brookings Institution, says are archetypes reflecting their dissimilar histories.

Bush is the classic business-government executive, measuring his day in decisions made and confident as any CEO could hope to be in both his choice of senior associates and his own course of action. But as Jones points out, a business executive who misjudges a plant manager or invests in the wrong product can damage a company - and its stock price - but not wreck a nation by refusing to see the error of his ways

Kerry is, in Jones' phrase, a classic backbench senator, a man who has found his rewards in picking out a few issues to explore and in being noted for the way he talks about them. Such senators do not aspire to leadership posts or committee chairmanships, nor are they noted for the bills they pass. For them, government is a largely verbal arena, not one measured by concrete results.

and elected - executives, rather than legislators, governors (or generals), rather than backbench senators. Former Gov. Ronald Reagan easily defeated former Sen. Walter Mondale; Bill Clinton did the same to Bob Dole. Jones said this has been generally a

sound instinct on the part of the voters, because executive decision-making is what makes political accountability possible. But it is Bush's reluctance to be held accountable for such large consequences of his policy choices as Iraq's problems and our budget deficits that has made another term questionable.

Viewed in this light, the choice for the country becomes one of confirming an executive with visible and even fundamental shortcomings or entrusting the presidency to a man whose habits of mind and of action are far removed from the challenges of the White House

No wonder this election is so close. David Broder is a member of Washington Post

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OPINION

What newspapers are saying at home

The following editorial excerpts are selected from a cross section of newspapers throughout the United States. The editorials are provided by The Associated Press and other stateside syndicates

Haiti's need is immediate Chicago Tribune

As if the ravages of Hurricane Jeanne were not enough, Halti's unresolved political problems are spewing violence throughout the country, mainly in Gonaives, the scene of the greatest hurricane damage, but also in the capital of Port-au-Prince.

Bands of supporters of former President plean-Bertrand Aristide are roaming the streets, like vermin fresh out of a sewer, stealing food and decapitating. Iraq-istyle, members of what's left of Haiti's police force. ...

[More than] two weeks ago, the Bush administration asked Congress for \$100 million to aid all the Carribbean islands hit by hurricanes this season, but Haiti's share has not been decided yet. To that you can add \$1.2 billion in aid pledged by a number of countries at a summit on Haiti this summer — before the hurricane — and intended to stabilize the country's economy.

An awful lot of money, isn't it? But the mayhem is going on now and most of the funds pledged — except for the \$11.4 million already disbursed by the United States and immediate aid from a number of charitable organizations — won't begin flowing for several months, if not years. ...

The crisis in Haiti will not wait that long. The widening chaos will kill scores more people and sink the prospects for an election next year and the installation of a democratic government in 2006.

International aid — the U.N. has asked for \$59 million for humanitarian aid over the next six months — must be expedited.

Flu-shot flubs can be fatal Durango (Colo.) Herald

In 2001, approximately 3,000 people died in terrorist attacks on the United States. By contrast, 12 times that many died of influenza and its complications. Flu has killed an average of 36,000 people every year recently and, this year, with its 50 percent shortage of flu vaccine, is likely to be worse.

This is not the first year our nation's system for preparing for the annual fus season has failed us. Last year, because of the lead time required to produce flu vaccine, the supply available for the 203-2004 flu season was not a close match for the strains of flu that actually circulated. The flu season, after Christmas, began much earlier, and not enough vaccine was available to meet the demand.

Fortunately, the flu season ended early as well and no great epidemic resulted from the vaccine problems.

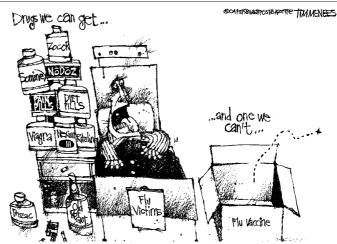
This year, the issue is a different one, and possibly worse. The U.S. supply of available flu vaccine has been reduced by nearly half because of bacterial contamination in a British manufacturing plant ...

Remember the statistical comparison: Flu kills more people than terrorism, more people than war. Our health agencies need to get it right next year and every year after that, and they need to have better plans for dealing with unforeseen circumstances, which seem to crop up every year.

Vote didn't end draft debate The Spokesman-Review, Spokane, Wash.

"No draft! Got it?"

That's what Congress appeared to say when it voted down a military draft bill by



a resounding 402-2. But the bill wasn't proposed for passage; it was designed to make the political point that if all young men and women could be pressed into service, the country might be less supportive of military actions

That aside, there's another issue that sint addressed by an up-of-down vote on reinstituting the draft. Do we have enough troops to carry out the various military missions around the globe' It seems clear that there is no political or grass-roots support for reinstituting the draft. But if experts who say the military is already stretched thin are right, then what is the nation going to the control of the co

The Bush administration says it is in the midst of streamlining the military, which will allow it to do more with less. Congress did authorize 20,000 more soldiers for the Army, [Democratic presidential candidate and Massachusetts Sen John] Kerry wants to double that number and dramatically increase the Army's special operations force.

None of these solutions gets at the short-term peril facing the military, particularly in Iraq, where 137,000 troops are deployed in harm's way. If a crisis erupts elsewhere, such as Iran or North Korea, the military will have a difficult time respond-

Those are legitimate questions and until they're answered sufficiently, rumors of the draft will persist.

Office's power overstated The Gazette, Colorado Springs, Colo.

No one runs for president to acknowledge his own or the office's limitations, or because he suffers from low self-esteem. But we wish, for the sake of this republican form of government, that presidential contenders and their camps would stop talking and acting as if the president were vested with godlike powers.

On countless occasions during the presidential debates, we heard both candidates claiming extraordinary powers that the Constitution simply does not grant a president, seriously talking as though it were in any chief executive's power to unilaterally fix the economy, provide people with jobs,

eliminate the deficit, control prescription drug costs, guarantee public safety and personally hunt down and kill Osama bin Laden. We can't recall hearing either candidate acknowledge that something, anything, might be beyond a president's control, much less impossible without the involvement of Congress and the courts.

Bottom line drives carmakers The Columbus (Ohio) Dispatch

Federal law requires that automakers and tire manufacturers report to the government any problems with their products. When this information relates to safety, it ought to be made available to the public.

But, to the detriment of consumers, the industry has convinced the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that openness is a bad idea.

Automakers say releasing such information would aid competitors, handing them tools for negative publicity and allowing them to learn from a rival's mistakes.

But to imply that a dangerous defect shouldn't be public information simply because that would give one automaker an edge over another is unacceptable.

Censorship not right solution Journal Star, Peoria, III.

Imagine if NBC ordered its affiliates to air Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11" in prime time, 10 days before the election.

prime time, 10 days before the election. We'd expect to hear all sorts of outrage from offended conservatives, screaming foul play and Bush-bashing....

Well, that has pretty much happened, except in reverse.

[HuntValley, Md.]-based Sinclair Broadcast Group had ordered all 62 of the television stations it owns ... to run "Stolen Honor: Wounds That Never Heal," a movie critical of John Kerry's post-Vietnam War behavior.

You might say many Democrats are miffed. As evidence, they're putting up as many roadblocks to the film's broadcast as they can. May they be quite unsuccessful, mostly because of a little thing called the First Amendment.

[On Tuesday, Sinclair said that parts of "Stolen Honor" will be shown during "A POW Story: Politics, Pressure and the Media," a program examining the use of documentaries to influence elections that will air on 40 Sinclair stations.] Oh, that's not to suggest that they're

On, that's not to suggest that they're wrong to be concerned about opinion masquerading as news, signaling a return to the bad ol' days in America when so much journalism came in shades of yellow....

Even so, we cannot join the censors, equally wrong no matter their ideology. We'd only ask that viewers accept this broadcast for what it is, that they approach it with the same healthy skepticism they'd approach Moore's work or anybody else's in this marketplace of competing ideas. Beyond that, they're always free to change channels.

No cure for what ails policy Los Angeles Times

Thirty-six thousand Americans die of the flu every year. If that number rises by just a tenth because we have only half as much flu vaccine as we need, the increase in deaths will exceed the number killed by Osama bin Laden on Sept. 11, 2001.

The parallels to 9/11 do not stop there. As in the 2001 catastrophe, officials of the Bush administration are claiming ignorance as if it were a virtue. They say they had no idea the vaccine shortage would happen. They are pinning the blame on neglect by previous administrations.

And they are bragging about everything they are doing — now — to prevent this kind of thing in the future. But, as with the 9/11 terrorist attacks, it didn't take long for various filed-and-forgotten reports to resurface, all of them warning about the danger of a flu-vaccine shortage.

Hindsight is cheap, of course. Washington is the world's leading manufacturer of dire warnings. You can't heed them all. But there were other hints as well. Lesser flu vaccine screw-ups have been common in recent years. Clearly, the system was broken.

The flu-shot problem could have happened under any president.

But it was more likely to happen under this one because preventive measures conflict with his ideology. When frail elderly people are falling down dead as they plod from clinic to drugstore in search of vaccine, and a black market is growing to serve those who can pay hundreds of dollars for a single dose, it is not a good moment for bromides about the evils of letting big government allocate health care. PAGE 24 J N NH MH MEMBER - STARS AND S

Frog causes stir

GA SAVANNAH — The small frogs that croaked in Diane Butler's backyard pond had been silenced and her goldfish were disappearing. But she had bagged the culprit, and stashed the body in her freezer.

Butler's capture of a 4½-inch Cuban tree frog in coastal Savannah has caused a nervous stir

nah has caused a nervous stir among wildlife biologists in Georgia and Florida.

The exotic amphibian invaded the Florida Keys nearly 80 years ago and slowly spread throughout the state, devouring native frogs and insects in its path. But Butler's catch marks the first time the species has been documented in Georgia.

That's bad news if the Cuban frogs, known to hitchhike to new homes in shipments of potted plants, are breeding in Georgia, biologists say.

Inmate claims crime

NY SARATOGA SPRINGS — An 82-year-old convicted killer serving a life sentence in a New Jersey prison claims he and his brother were responsible for an unsolved jewel heist that has perplexed authorities for nearly 40 years.

But some doubt the inmate's story, including the police chief who investigated the 1967 theft of nearly \$800,000 in jewels from a wealthy couple's home in upstate New York.

Allison Williams told the Philadelphia Inquirer the heist was pulled off by his brother, Cliff, a year after they cased the home owned by Marylou Whitney and her husband at the time, Cornelius Vanderbilt Whitney.

Retired Saratoga Springs Police Chief Peter Pemberton also said Williams was "full of hot air."

Still, local authorities will reopen the case even though Williams could not be prosecuted because the statute of limitations has expired.

Williams was convicted in 1991 of killing a witness who was about to testify against him in court.

Missing mom located

ARLINGTON — Police have located the mother of a young boy whose neighbors took turns caring for him and waited weeks to call police after she disappeared, authorities said.

Investigators were interviewing Juline Bullard, 44, who was jailed on \$5,000 bond on a child abandonment charge. The woman was located after authorities got a tip, police spokeswoman Christy Gilfour

Bullard allegedly told authorities that someone had agreed to care for the child for three months while she sought housing and a job.

The boy, known only as "Teddy," told neighbors he is 3 but may be as old as 5, authorities said.

More forgery charges BLOOMINGTON — A man

IN BLOOMINGTON — A man charged with forgery allegedly tried to get out of jail by —



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what else? — forging documents for his release.

Now, 20-year-old Jared J. Bailey faces new felony charges of attempted escape and forgery.

Investigators say Bailey forged the signature of Monroe Circuit Judge Douglas R. Bridges on a court order that purportedly changed his bail from \$100,000 surety bond to \$500 in cash.

Bailey's old roommate told police that Bailey asked him to father the fake papers to Bailey's attorney. The friend said he went to a copy store with a fax number he thought was the attorney's, but the documents went to the jail instead, according to an affidavit.

The fake document is complete with a clerk's office stamp and a template similar to the real thing. Jail staff viewed the papers as suspicious and did not release Bailey, whose bond has since been raised to \$250.000 surety.

Bailey is also awaiting trial on charges of burglary, felony battery, confinement with a deadly weapon, attempted armed robbery and impersonating a police officer.

Site may vield diamonds

HELENA — The bright green rocks jutting through the prairie soil were hard to miss, but Tom Charlton still couldn't believe his eyes.

It was kimberlite, the molten rock in which diamonds are found, and preliminary tests had yielded a microscopic diamond. If more



Fall already done?
The last of falls colors are seen with a view of a church steeple in Middlebury, Vt., on Thursday.

are found at the 80-acre site known as the Homestead property, the land could become the state's first-ever commercial diamond operation and the only working diamond mine in the United States, geologists said.

Canada currently has the only diamond mines operating in North America.

"It's once in a lifetime. You just don't find things like that every day," said Charlton, an official with Delta Mining and Exploration Corp.

The Kentucky-based firm plans to begin large-scale exploration of the central Montana site next month.

Park study for nuke site

YAKIMA — President Bush has signed a bill requiring the federal government to study the potential for adding historic Manhattan Project sites, including a reactor at the Hanford nuclear site, to the national park system.

Former nuclear workers and concerned residents for years have been trying to preserve Hanford's B Reactor as a museum. The world's first full-scale plutonium production nuclear reactor, B Reactor was built as part of the top-secret Manhattan Project to build an atomic bomb.

The south-central Washington reactor produced the plutonium for the first man-made nuclear blast, the Trinity test in New Mexico on July 16, 1945. B Reactor also produced the plutonium for the bomb that was dropped that August on Nagasaki, Japan, during World Wer II.

Group tears down ghoul

FL ST. PETERSBURG — It had the face of Franken-

stein and the hands of a werewolf.
Outfitted in jeans and flannel
shirt, the creature — stuffed with
crumpled newspaper — hung by
the neck on a homemade gallows
outside a house in St. Detershurg

To its owner, "Bob" was a Halloween decoration. But to Omali Yeshitela, it was a racially charged symbol of hate.

On Tuesday, as police officers on the scene scrambled to contact the homeowner at work after Yeshitela and others from the International People's Democratic Uhuru Movement tore the dummy down.

"There is no history of hanging ghouls in this country but there is a history of hanging African people." said Yeshitela.

Colleen Watson was surprised and upset when police called her at work to say the display her 15-year-old son had spent two days creating had been torn down. She said it had never occurred to her it would offend anyone.

More parking at park

BOSTON — The creation of a 30-acre park atop Boston's Big Dig undergound highway project will provide a precious commodity in the city: up to 175 on-street parking spaces. Just who will get to use the spaces around the Rose Kennedy Greenway is uncertain. The public can voice opinions during a pair of comment periods in the next two weeks.



Annual film fest on David Beck of Not Springs, Ark., walks past a mural along the north side of the Malco Theater in Not Springs, Ark., on Thursday. The historic downtown theater houses the Not Springs Decumentary Film Instute. The institute's 13th annual film festival began Friday and runs through Oct. 31. Beck is part of a crew doing some repairs on the roof.



Peaceful pasttime Aquiet fall afternoon attracts Bob
Rafols of DeSoto, Kan., and Bob
Nickle of Tonganoxie, Kan., to the Wakarusa River near Eudora, Kan., for
a day of fishing amidst the changing trees on Thursday.



Rochester firefighter trainee Amon Hudson rapells off the Pont de Reni A long way down Bridge in Rochester, N.Y., on Thursday as part of his training. Each fall, candidates go through a 13-week training course before they are eligible to become Rochester firefighters.



A truck that was carrying fuel smolders beneath the Interstate Truck fire destroys bridge 65 and Interstate 59 interchange Thursday in Birmingham, Ala. The truck caught fire around 7 a.m. and burnt the interstate exchange above it. Officials say the bridge will have to be removed.



Low early morning fog covers a portion of Highway 178 and other parts of the Kern Fog creeping in River Valley as a solo vehicle makes its way through it with headlights visible Thursday near Lake Isabella, Calif.

Squid wash up dead

WA LONG BEACH — When hundreds of giant squid washed up dead on the Long Reach Peninsula last weekend Dean Marsh knew exactly what to do: He stocked his freezer.

"No sense letting them go to waste," said the 57-year-old bait salesman, who planned to cut them up and sell them to fishermen. An estimated 1 000 to 1 500 Hum-

holdt jumbo flying squid - tynically found off the coast of Mexico have washed up on southwest Washington beaches in the past few days. said Greg Bargmann, a marine fish manager with the state Fish and Wildlife Department. What's killing them isn't clear.

"They're like salmon: They spawn and then they die," Barg-mann said. "I don't know if this is post-spawning, or if the waters got so cold they couldn't take it anymore ' Tuna fishermen first reported

seeing the squid about 30 miles off the southwest Washington coast in August. At the time, the ocean water was significantly warmer than usual — 67 degrees, instead of 50 to 55 degrees.

Ever since, the squid have surprised anglers as far north as Sitka, Alaska. One salmon fisherman in British Columbia hauled in a 61/2-foot, 44-pound squid this month a specimen that's now in a formaldehyde tank at the Royal British Columbia Museum.

Some people have called Bargmann to ask if they can eat the dead squid they find on the beach.

"I sure wouldn't eat them. It would be like eating a deer on the side of the road," Bargmann said. "But if you catch them live, they'd be good

Fair breaks record

SC COLUMBIA — Organizers credit beautiful weather with helping the State Fair break a 12-year attendance record. Fair officials said 630.152 people came through the gates. That broke the old record of 612,399 set in 1992. Most of the credit goes to mild temperatures and clear skies, fair spokeswoman Nancy Smith said.

Health plan to close

AZ PHOENIX — Maricopa County will close a health plan at the end of the year that provides low premiums and co-pays to about 5,600 seniors. The Maricopa Senior Select Plan has lost money each year, and this year's loss is expected to near \$11 million. Members using the plan have received other choices, but the premiums may be higher for some members.

Man donates kidney

MARYSVILLE — Eric Swim was surfing on the Internet in June when he stumbled across the story of a 10-year-old Jewish boy from Israel who was in desperate need of a kidney transplant.

"I began thinking that I have two good kidneys," the Marysville man said, "and I didn't have to have one of them."

Swim, 38, returned Sunday from Israel with one less kidney and the thanks of the many Israelis he met.

"It's a humbling thing when a Holocaust survivor comes up to you and says 'you're a big hero.' or 'gibor' in Hebrew," Swim said Monday during an interview at his home, "when in reality all I did was

donate a kidney. It's very humbling

The organ recipient, Moshiko Sharon, who had waited for a compatible kidney donor for more than a year, is doing well after undergoing implant surgery Sept. 21 at a Tel Aviv-area hospital.

But before the surgery could hap pen, Swim had to undergo tests to determine whether he would be a good match. Swim learned the results of the tests Sept. 3 and left

three days later for Tel Aviv. Swim was joined by his wife, Lori, 34, and the couple's two children, Lucy, 10, and Josiah, 6.

"So many bad things are going on these days that it is hard to look at the world and have any hope for children," Lori Swim said. "If you want to have children see a better way, maybe saying one person's life will help us in the bigger scheme of things.

The organ donation was facilitated by the New York-based Halachic Organ Donor Society, which educates Jews about organ donation.

Rider denies ticket time

MINNEAPOLIS — A mo-torcyclist who set jaws dropping across the nation last month when he was stopped for going 205 mph told a reporter for Midwest Quick Throttle Magazine that he was going closer to half that speed.

The interview was apparently the first for media-shy Samuel Tilley, 20, of Stillwater, Minn., who has not spoken publicly about his record-setting ticket since he was stopped on Sept. 18 south of Minneapolis.

"He's beside himself about the whole thing," magazine editor Pat Andrews said. Tilley said in the interview that

he's not sure exactly how fast he was going because he was watching the road and another rider who was nearby, said Scottie Ard, who wrote the story for Quick Throttle. The other rider was ticketed for going 111 mph "He doesn't know how he could

have been going 205 miles per hour, especially when the guy he was with was going 111," Andrews said.

A Minnesota State Patrol pilot saw Tilley from the air and used a stopwatch to time him as he passed quarter-mile markers along Hwy. 61. The pilot's reading of 4.39 seconds translated into Tilley's 205 mph speed.

Foreign students drop

OR EUGENE - Oregon colleges are struggling to attract foreign students because of concerns about terrorism and heightened security requirements. At Lane Community College, the number of foreign students has stayed flat for the past three years, after growing at more than 6 percent per International enrollment at the University of Oregon dropped to an estimated 1,170 this year from a peak of almost 1,700 in 1997

Gay marriage no issue

OH COLUMBUS — Gov. Bob Taft said that, while he opnoses an amendment banning gay marriage, he won't actively campaign against it because of other campaign responsibilities. The Republican says the proposed amend ment is ambiguous, goes too far and could hurt the state's efforts to recruit and retain high-tech workers. Stories and photos from wire services

Looking to renew faith during Ramadan

DOD civilian hopes to encourage more open practice of Islam in military

BY NANCY MONTGOMERY Stars and Strines

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan Around 4:15 a.m. Monday, Yahya Abdul-Qaadir sat down with his family for breakfast. He ate chicken and rice. Then he was done with food and drink for the day - no coffee, no water, nothing until sunset. That's the schedule he'll be keeping all month

Abdul-Qaadir is one of, at most, a handful of practicing Muslims on base; services conducted in the base chapel each Friday usually consist of him, he said, and one or two other men.

But Abdul-Qaadir writes the weekly religion column included in the base newspaper every Friday — and for last Friday's edition he wrote about Ramadan, the Muslim month of fasting. He wrote it for two reasons, he said: to educate readers about the holy month, and to reach out to "undercover" Muslim sailors and civilians he's sure exist on base and the 7th Fleet's ships "It's the time of year you sort of

re-jump-start your spiritual life," said Abdul-Qaadir, a youth sports coordinator for the base Morale, Welfare and Recreation department

"A good friend of mine on the Kitty Hawk told me there were plenty of Mus-lims on the Kitty Hawk but they never revealed themselves. Another brother - he's from Egypt - he keeps a low profile. When Ramadan comes, it's also a way to reach out to sailors who've gone undercov-

er."
The month started Saturday and will conclude about Nov. 16 with Eid ul-Fitr, or Feast of the Fast-breaking, a celebratory banquet, gifts, family visits and prayer. In the meantime, all sane, healthy, adult Muslims are supposed to fast every day from before the morning prayer until sunset as a way to purify themselves as they rededicate themselves to faith, charity and good-

ness and to test their faith.

"You have good days and bad days,"
Abdul-Qaadir said. "The first day is always great. You call everybody — all the Mus-lims you know. The second day is great. Some days you have bad days — you have to exert yourself physically. For instance, Thursday I do a PE class for home-schoolhe said. "I was shocked how tired I

was just running around for an hour."
Petty Officer 2nd Class Umar Hicks, who worships with Abdul-Qaadir most Fridays and works for Commander Naval Forces Japan, said for him, the first day of fasting is among the hardest. After that, he gets used to it except for one thing: "I miss water," Hicks said.

The rigors of Ramadan vary with the time of year in which it occurs. Winter is easier because the time between sunrise and sunset is shorter. "If it falls in the winter month, you've got it real sweet," Abdul-Qaadir said. "When I first became Muslim it was in August and September Your eyelids will get dry. You get cranky



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and irritable. That's part of it - you have to show that self-restraint. If you can't take it and you cussed somebody out, you will have broken the fast and have to make that

"One of my first Ramadans I had just

bought a new mountain bike," Abdul-Qaadir bike," Abdul-Qaadir said. "I rode it from the store to my mother's house to my apartment. I almost passed out

Abdul-Qaadir, 35, is from Philadelphia and converted to Islam from Christianity when he was 20. "I was always a religious person. But Christianity just wasn't doing if for me." he said. Before he converted, his first clined to say what his

former last name was What does do it for him in Islam, he said, is its prescriptions for the way to live in all of

"It's a whole way of life. There's no separabetween church and state. Everything that encompasses someone's life can be

found in the Quran. I find it's the ultimate

But since the United States was attacked three years ago by Islamist terrorists, and

after the United States went to war first against the Taliban in Afghanistan and then against Iraq, being openly Muslim can be an act of courage.
"It's pretty difficult," Abdul-Qaadir said.

"The funny thing is ... a lot of people don't know I'm Muslim until they see my wife (who wears a scarf over her

hair). Then sometimes attitudes change. There can be intrusive stares. We live off-base and here in our neighborhood, everybody's friendly. And the chaplains are very support-

Lt. Cmdr. Philip Pelikan, a Charismatic Episcopal Church chaplain, agreed it was a tricky time to be a Mus-

lim.
"I just counseled a couple that's getting married. The guy is a sailor, an officer base here, and his fiancée is from Malaysia. She couldn't even get a pass to come on base because she's from Ma-laysia," Pelikan said.

"It's a predominantly Muslim country and has a Muslim government, and it's difficult to track the terrorist groups [operating there].

"Anybody from Malaysia is on the list. We don't have time to check if you're a ter-

you're at war, some things aren't fair," the chanlain said.

Abdul-Qaadir said when he arrived a vear ago, six or seven Muslims attended Friday prayer services but they since have assigned elsewhere. "I'm basically friends with two families and that's about it," he said.

Lt. Cmdr. Brook DeWalt, USS Kitty Hawk spokesman, said there were no Muslim religious services requested during the last under-way period but there had been such services the time before that, led by a lay reader.

There is a Muslim imam, or prayer lead-er, serving in the region: Lt. Muhiyyaldin Ibn Noel, of Camp Courtney, Okinawa. Noel, one of three U.S. Navy Muslim chaplains, declined to speak to a reporter with-out approval from the base public affairs of-ficial when he was reached Monday evening. Public affairs officials did not re turn phone calls.

According to one estimate, from 4,000 to 10,000 practicing Muslims and about a dozen Muslim chaplains serve in the U.S. armed forces. One of them, a U.S. Army Muslim chaplain, Capt. James Yee, 35. spent 76 days in custody after the military linked him to a possible espionage ring at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Yee was charged with mishandling classified material, failing to obey an order, making a false official statement, adultery and conduct unbecoming an officer. Eight months later, the charges were dismissed.

Hicks said that in Norfolk, Va., where he served previously, there were at least 100 Muslims and he was surprised there were so few here. Hicks said he's generally been treated well Commander Naval Forces Japan has accommodated his twice-daily prayers during the workday and prayer services on Fridays, he said. And on the last ship he was on, the galley opened early just for him during Ramadan so he could get something to eat before his daylong

People do joke, though. In housing, he said, someone saw his Arabic clock and said, "I'm going to turn you in to Homeland

Hicks was not amused. "I didn't say any-

thing," he said. The largest denomination on Yokosuka base is Roman Catholicism - some 500 attend Sunday services, in part because of the large Filipino presence on base. Next largest is evangelical Christians - about 200 worshippers each Sunday — followed by mainstream Protestants — about 170, Pelikan said. There are about 20 Jews who attend Sabbath services each Friday, Peli-Abdul-Oaadir said he hopes his article in

the base paper will inspire Muslims who haven't been practicing to start doing so.

"There are plenty of mosques in Japan," he said. "Hopefully, somebody will call me and want to go to the Eid."

Church stresses family planning

MANILA, Philippines - The Roman Catholic Church, which is opposed to artificial birth control, hasn't done enough to promote responsible family planning in the fast-growing Philippines, the archbishop of Manila said

"We have the impression that the church is against fam ily planning. Wrong. The church believes that you could rear the children you can afford to raise," Archbishop Gaudencio Rosales said. "That people do not understand, I'm sorry, the church is at fault. We have not taught enough.

He said the church believes people should plan their families the natural way and exercise personal discipline to avoid unwanted pregnancies.

Church pension programs

WASHINGTON - The House voted last Friday to amend several securities laws dating back to the 1930s to allow church pension programs to pool their assets with private and government pension plans as a means of increasing retirement savings

Under the legislation, which now goes to the president for his signature, church pension plans can participate in "collective trusts" where corporate and other secular pension plans join together for investment purposes in stock

and non-stock areas. The House sponsors, Reps. Judy Biggert, R-Ill., and Harold Ford, D-Tenn., said their bill would enable thousands of church plans, set up so clergy and lay church em-ployees can save for retirement, to enjoy the benefits of collective buying power.

Award named for council founder

COLUMBUS, Ind. - The National Council of Churches will memorialize co-founder and former President J Irwin Miller with an annual award honoring people working on Christian unity and social issues.

Miller, the former chairman of Cummins Engine Co., was an alternate delegate from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to the council's constituting convention in 1950 and the council's first lay president from 1960 to 1963. He was 95 when he died Aug. 16.

"Not only was he a great businessman and philanthropist, but he was a great churchman," said The Rev. Shanta D. Premawardhana, director of the council's interfaith relations commission

Sunday Horoscope

Jung famously expressed the belief that the subconscious mind is influenced by the planet Neptune. Today, the planet of dreams goes direct. Though Neptune will be in

shadow until early February, the foo that seems to hang between the world we envision and the world that actually is will Joyce Jillson

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (October 24). Your environment greatly affects your actions this year, so make sure to put yourself in situations with people you admire. New friends could net you a prime position and more money to boot so keep relations strong by taking care of them, remembering birthdays and calling

often. Lucky love signs are

Aquarius and Capricom ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's a drama in the morning that keeps us all on our toes! It's nice to know that people around you care enough to get excited when things don't go their way. Adaptations will be made, and by evening, peace is

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). To get romantic fires burning again, spend time with a partner doing something you both have never tried before. Opportunities may go unrecognized until you point them out Everyone is interested in what you have to offer

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Whatever your idea is, follow through. This gives you the opportunity to correct and learn from your mistakes. Don't let social norms limit you. You might do something offbeat, like sign up for a reality TV

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Get on with life! It is better to risk emotionally now than to play it safe in limbo for another month. An uninvolved party is invaluable for working out problems. Someone

knows your secret and will never tell. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). New situations bring out your best, but they also make you feel vulnerable

To our readers

Congratulate yourself for stretching. You're the kind of brave person who will end up teaching everyone else

how to grow up. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Is perception reality? The fact that others don't see a problem doesn't mean it isn't there for you, but it

does mean that it isn't there for them. Stressful situations can be made unstressful if you ask for more help. Keep a cool

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). Money comes through creative thought: Believe it, and it will come your way. You can take your time to choose but make a decision by the end of the day. New love is found close to home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).

There's big news from someone in your inner circle. You can celebrate with the best of them, so you'll be one of the first to be included. Loved ones are feeling needy tonight. Be sure to indulae them

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have no enemies. Try to see people as doing their best with the resources they have. A partner requires your best efforts, so stay present and focused on the numerous tasks the two of you share.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Live and love by your principles. Your integrity doesn't go unnoticed. Powerful friends want your assistance. You may feel obligated.

genuinely moved to do so. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). lationship may be more signif cant to the other person than it is to you right now. A wake-up call will make you realize how others depend on you and how your attitude

matters immensely PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

If you're well informed, you'll make lucky arrangements now. Keep others to their word with gentle reminders. Tonight is so comfort able. Accept the happiness you find; don't overanalyze it

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run through Nov. 6. Beginning Nov. 7, the horoscopes will be renamed "Horoscopes by Holiday" and will be authored by Ms. Mathis. Mystery alive and 'kicking'

For the past decade, this column has been written by Joyce Jillson

and Holiday Mathis. Ms. Jillson passed away on Oct. 1. Because Ms.

Jillson and Ms. Mathis wrote in advance, columns they prepared will

Q. Years ago when I was a child we used to sing a ditty that went: "Old man Moses kicked the bucket and old man Moses is dead? What does "kicked the bucket" have to do with death

A. The saying "kick the bucket" has long been used to mean "die. usually in darkly humorous and sometimes disrespectful contexts. Several explanations have been advanced for its origin

At one time, pigs to be slaughtered were hung by their hind legs upon a hook in a bent piece of wood: the word "bucket" might refer to this piece of wood and "kick" to the struggling movements made by the pig. Or the ex-

pression might refer to the act of kicking the bucket out from beneath a person being hanged. Another explanation holds that the 'bucket" in the phrase is the container of holy water once customarily placed at the feet of a corpse ng the Catholic funeral m so that mourners could sprinkle it the deceased as they unon

Unfortunately, none of these theories can be substantiated, and the mystery of the origin of 'kick the bucket" remains un-

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Dad makes laudable decision in helping his daughter get ahead

Dear Abby: Please settle an argument I'm having with my wife. Our 18-year-old daughter "Crystal," suffers from ADHD. Last June, my wife insisted that Crystal get a summer job. After weeks of searching the only iob Crystal could Dear Abby find was selling

door-to-door I was afraid that this door-to-door sales might put my daughter in danger, so I quietly approached the owner of a small business nearby and paid her to

give Crystal a job. Crystal did well, and it turned out to be a positive work experience her first for someone

non-family. My wife just found out what I did, and she is irate. I didn't tell her because she is such a penny-pincher - she complained about piano lessons for Crystal during her senior year because "she was going to college anyway. Is what I did so terribly

wrong? I think it was a good thing. - In the Doghouse in Michigar Dear "In": Although you did not mention the toll that having

ADHD has taken on your daugh ter. I'm sure it has been significant. You weren't wrong to want to level the playing field for your daughter and ensure her safety The benefit to both of you is that she now has a summer of work experience behind her - and the confidence that goes along with it - and you had peace of mind.

You behaved like a concerned and loving father, and that is laud-

Dear Abby: My

husband and I have a problem with the little boy who lives across the street. Any time we pull into our driveway, the youngster will come right over to greet us with 100 questions before we can even exit

the vehicle If we're in our front yard, he will come over and won't leave. even though we tell him we're busy doing yard work. It has reached the point where we look out the window before we go outside If he comes over we go inside immediately. We would like to enjoy all the hard work we have put into our yard and enjoy our patio again.

This may sound selfish, but we just want to be left alone.

How can we handle this with out hurting the child's feelings

and keep peace with our neighbors? It has plagued us for far too Norwich Conn

Dear Prisoners: You have described a very lonely little boy. I am sure if he had other things and friends to play with, he wouldn't be depending on you for human contact. However, since you and your husband are not child-oriented, I advise you to speak to the boy's parents and urge them to get their son into some activities where he can be entertained and interact with his peers. You would be doing the boy a favor.

Dear Abby: I have known 'Cassie" for more than a year.

We both like each other a lot, but she has asked me to "give her a few weeks" because she needs to regain the trust she lost because of her ex. Well, it has been six weeks, and we barely even talk anymore because she's so busy with work and extracurricular activities. What should I

 Matthew in Indiana Dear Matthew: Get busy with

YOUR work and extracurricular activities. That way you'll have less time to worry about Cassie, who, from my perspective, is nowhere near ready for another relationship with anyone.

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Hotel bill makes woman believe her husband is having an affair

Dear Annie: I think my husband is having an affair. I suspected this back in February when I logged on to his screen name and found a letter he'd written to some woman online When I confronted him, he said he didn't know the woman, he simply had responded to one of many e-mails from women looking for men to date. He also claimed it was just an impulse and he never heard back from her. He apologized and said he wanted us to work more on our relationship. I agreed and thought everything was going to

be OK Today, I discovered two transactions on our bank statement from a local motel. I called the motel, pretending to be my husband's secretary, and the clerk confirmed both dates and even mentioned my husband had ordered a movie. I suppose it's possible that my husband had some kind

of business meeting at this motel.

Should I hire a private detective to follow my husband around? Should I confront him? Should I ignore everything? I feel terrible for having these suspicions, but I no longer fully trust him. This is so hard. We have two teenage children, and I'm a

stay-at-home mom, so my resources are limited. We also are active in our church and community, and my husband is an important executive, so there is a lot at stake here. What do I do now?

- Feeling Betraved Dear Betrayed: Your suspi-Annie's Mailbox

cions are well-founded. Do you honestly think your husband rented a movie for a business meeting at a motel? And why is he corresponding with women who are looking to date? Something is rotten in Denmark, honey.

You have some tough decisions to make. You can choose to ignore the evidence and go blissful ly about your life, pre-

tending nothing is going on. Some women actually prefer this route. Or, you can confront him and insist he go with you for marriage counseling. Talk to your doctor or clergyperson for a referral

Dear Annie: I must have been the luckiest person around

in 1950 when I married my husband. My mother-in-law gave She lived by it, and so have I.

There hasn't been a bad word

between my son-in-law and me in over 40 years, and my daughter has lived by it with her four married children I don't know who wrote it, but my mother-in-law read it in the old Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph. I hope you will print it for any woman who is a mother-in-law

M.J.R. in Pennsylvania

Dear M.J.R.: You sent this to us quite a while ago, but we were saving it for Mother-In-Law Day, which is today. The advice is worth remembering

Mother-In-Law's Prayer

Teach me to speak or hold my tongue, when silence is divine Help me, I pray, to understand

this newfound child of mine. Keep me from taking bitter

sides or adding angry flames Teach me to leave them both alone, like children at their games

Teach me to be a friend in deed, Whose smile they're glad to share, Never too near, yet never too far. This is my humble nraver

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YOUR MONEY

Bigger bills roll in with technology

BY CHRISTOPHER STERN The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Satellite radio. Cell phone. High-speed Internet service. Matt Botwin, a Washington consultant, has it all — and the bills that go with his growing bundle of technology.

With each new service, more of Botwin's monthly income is spoken for A generation ago, mortages, utilities and newspaper subscriptions made up a short list of payments due each month. Now Americans pay an average of 12 bills a month, including fees for a broad range of services such as television programming, home security-system monitoring and online gaming. Web sites. And each individual bill may increase as consumers add incremental improvements such as Internet access to their cell phones and oremium channels to their stætlite radio service.

Botwin figures that he spends at least \$250 a mouth on his subscription services. "I'm not happy about it. It's a lot," Botwin said. But he also feels that his digital devices and services are necessities. The Sirius satellite radio is indispensable for his frequent drives to New York and Philadelphia. "It's like any luxury. I didn't think I needed a microwave, but I'm sure glad I have it now."

Economists and academics are growing concerned about Americans' willingness to cede a regular chunk of their monthly paychecks to new conveniences and services, saying it is taking a serious bite out of discretionary

List of services

keeps growing

Yesterday:

Mortgage

Home phone

Cell phone

Satellite TV

tion at Starbucks

Satellite radio

Gym membershin

SimsHost Web site

Various credit cards

Home equity line

Parking garage
Today, add:

Long-distance carrier

High-speed Internet

Netflix movie subscription

TiVo TV recording service

BlackBerry wireless e-mail

OnStar vehicle monitoring

T-Mobile for wireless connec-

Home security system monitor-

- Washington Post

Tomorrow's temptations:

Utilities

spending, a key driver of the nation's economy. They also worry that new services are contributing to a growing divide between consumers who have the means to secure special treatment, such as access to free-rolling highway lanes, while others are stuck in bumper-to-bumper standstills.

This lock-'em-in-and-keep-'em-loyal routine has roots going back 100 years, with King Camp Gillette, who at one point gave away his innovative safety razor, then made his fortune selling the disposable blades. High-tech companies have found a way to raise the stakes. The foundation of their new business model may have been pioneered by the cable industry in the early 1940s when it began offering consumers, for a small monthly fee, ac cess to a better television picture. In its early stages, cable charged less than \$5 a month for a service that was nothing more than retransmission of local TV stations. Now the industry has become a telecommunications and entertainment behemoth that offers hundreds of channels, high-speed Internet access and telephone service, among other things. The monthly cable bill for millions of subscribers now totals well

Michael Mazis, chairman of the Department of Marketing at the Kogod School of Business at American Uni-

versity, said the cable industry followed a classic marketing pattern of getting a foot in the door with a basic service and then methodically increasing the consumer's dependence on the product.

Mazis contends that all the earmarked spending on new conveniences raises concerns for other products competing in the marketplace. "It reduces the amount of disposable income," Mazis said. Ultimately, shopping malls, restaurants, even catalogue merchandisers may find that they are taking a back seat to services that are billed to



A man checks his cell phone as he walks down Avenue of the Americas in New York. New technology, like Internet access on cell phones, comes with the price of increased bills for consumers.

consumers on a regular basis. "I think it is really affecting

the purchase of clothing, for example," Mazis said.

But larger market and competitive forces make it unlikely that the trend will reverse any-

time soon.

Wireless phone companies are following cable's lead, initially selling a basic service that allows people on the go to communicate.

Now cell phones regularly provide Internet access, and some even allow users to watch TV and play video games. Each service a customer adds gives the company a new revenue stream of a few dollars a month.

Wired phone companies are competing with their own bundle of serviceing with their own bundle of serviceting with their own bundle of serviceture regional phone giants, including Verizon Communications Inc. and SBC Communications Inc. offer telephone, high-speed Internet service and television channels. The phone companies have no television pregramming of their own but are able to offer consumers satellite TV service through partnerships with DirectTV and Dish Networks.

Cable, telephone, Internet and other from the company to the company the company their bills. Many consumers have fees— for their gym membership, their online professional journal, their mexspaper delivery— directly applied to their credit cards, which this in turn pay on a monthly basis. Others take advantage of automatic-debit programs that allow companies to pluck

money right from the customer's bank account. After they sign off on the first bill, some consumers may not notice the monthly fee unless they take a close look at their bank statements or credit card bills.

But there also is growing concern among some economists that the introduction of expensive new technology services is dividing the nation into digital haves and digital have-nots.

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Getting to know Tricare

Susie Besaw, from the book "The Savvy Sailor's Spouse," is new to the military lifestyle but is eager to learn more about how to manage her family and her new lifestyle through the monthly Family Readiness Group meetings of her husband, Jake's, new command. Last week, her friend Muggie hurt her ankle and introduced Susie to Tricare.

hen it came time for the May Family Readiness Group meeting, Maggie was eager to go.
Thankfully, she also was able to walk without too much effort.

Evelyn started the meeting on time as usual and plowed through our agenda. When we finished with new business, she had an announcement, "Before I introduce this evening's speaker, I wanted to mention that I am looking for a speaker for next month.

"We scheduled a mechanic from the base maintenance complex to talk to us about basic car maintenance. But he agreed before checking with his wife. Apparently, he would have had to cut short a family vacation in order to be here next month."

Everyone chuckled.

Car maintenance, I thought. I helped my dad rebuild an MG sports car from the ground up. I didn't have any-

an MG sports car from the ground up. I didn't have an thing put together for a presentation, but probably could over the next month. But, was I ready to stand in

front of a big group of my fellow spouses? Then, I remembered Maggie giving her excellent presentation and decided to raise my hand.

"I'll do it," I said.
Everyone was quiet. I looked around. They were looking at me as if I had three heads. What was the big deal? I guess I was about to sur-

prise everybody.
"You'll find someone?" Evelyn asked.



Ralph Nelso

"No," I replied. "I'll give the presentation. I rebuilt a sports car with my dad and have played with cars since I was little. It'll be fine."

At that point, it became obvious to everyone I was serious — then many faces turned from amazement to intrigue. I bet they didn't think I could do it. Boy, was I going to have fun showing them.

Evelyn continued, "Thank you, Susie. Now I'm going to announce our guest lecturer. She just arrived and needs to head out as soon as she is done. Our guest speaker, Cmdr. Sara Michel from the base hospital's director of admissions. She is going to talk about the basics of Tricare, the military medical insurance program."

Cndr. Michel, a tall, thin, attractive woman who exuded confidence walked toward the front of the room and began. "Let me first say that this presentation is a basic overview," she said. "I am a hospital administrator, not a doctor, which means I can't answer any personal medical questions. What I can answer are any Tricare administrative questions you may have.

"As Evelyn said, Tricare is the military's health insurance program. It is a huge program administering hundreds of thousands of active and retired military families each year. Despite its size, it produces some of the best medical care you can find.

"In order to participate in Tricare, you must first be a family member of an active duty or retired service member and be registered in the DEERS program. You can register by calling at 1-800-538-9552. That's Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, by the way.

"After you enroll in Tricare, you are assigned a primary care manager or PCM. Your PCM is normally a military general practitioner located at the closest military hospital or military treatment facility known as an MTF. You can determine which PCM you want at your MTF and request any PCM as long as they're in the system."

Next week Cmdr. Michel talks more about Tricare.

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Bills: Customers paying price of new services

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One often-referred-to example is the introduction of variable toll roads so-called Lexus lanes. On highways in and around San Francisco and San Diego, special lanes are set aside for cars that carry devices that can be read by electronic tollkeepers. The cost of driving on the road varies based on the number of cars that have passed through the toll. The tolls regulate the number of cars by increasing the cost as more enter the lanes. Signs warn drivers they have a choice between paying a higher fee to use highway lanes largely free of congestion or sitting in traffic and watching the other cars speed by.

"We are creating a two-tiered society, not just the way we pay bills or drive on the highways," said Jeremy Rifkin, presi-dent of the Foundation of Economic Trends, author of "Age of Access," a book that argues the world is being transformed into a pay-as-you-go society.

Rifkin points to the proliferation of tree-lined gated communities where 40 million Americans now have, in effect, their own private parks with swimming pools and bike paths. Until the mid-20th century, parks were largely viewed as public spaces. Rifkin claims that the move away from free radio and free tele-



Sandy Dunson takes a photo of himself with a laptop camera recently at the Sony Style store in Beverly Center shopping mall in Los Angeles. Consumers are caving to technological temptations, but with a bundle of new services comes more bills.

vision toward subscription models is just to Rifkin one example of a broader trend.

The barriers are highest for consumers on the lowest economic rungs, those without credit or credit cards, according

"Credit cards are what open the door for those who can afford to live in this society," Rifkin said.

The number of consumers who have ac-

cess to credit cards and electronic bill-paying services is large and growing According to Synovate Inc., a research firm that follows the credit card industry. 75 percent of all households have access to a credit card. And more than half of people under 35 have paid at least one bill through online banking services.

Lynda Maddox, a professor of marketing and advertising at George Washington University, said consumers do get henefits from new services and the various electronic gadgets that are landing in our pockets and on our desktons and set-tops. "These are electronic maids and butlers," Maddox said, noting that services such as the TiVo digital recorder allow users to record television shows without fumbling with cassettes or programming a VCR to turn on at a specific time. After initial purchase of the TiVo machine, the service costs subscribers \$12.95 a month.

Maddox recently acquired a phone that not only makes calls but also sends and receives e-mail and serves as a personal organizer. "I wanted to be able to access e-mail at any time, anywhere. That gives me great freedom," Maddox said.

Maddox's phone retails for more than \$400, but even the most expensive digital devices are often sold at subsidized rates. The value of a two-year contract that requires a user to pay \$50 a month is more than enough to make up for the discount on the device

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Japanese yen (Oct. 23)	106.00
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Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.377
British pound	\$1.8297
Canada (Dollar)	1.2433
Denmark (Krone)	5.8846
Egypt (Pound)	6.23
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Hungary (Forint)	196.12
Iceland (Krona)	69.195
Israel (Shekel)	4.439
Japan (Yen)	107.45
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Philippines (Peso)	56.22
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7495
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Zippo recalls some lighters

WASHINGTON Manufacturing Co. is recalling 101,557 lighters because fuel may spill from the nozzle on first use, posing a fire hazard.

The Bradford, Pa., company has received 27 reports of bu tane fuel spilling out of the nozzle, though no injuries have been reported, the Consumer Produce Safety Commission said Wednesday

The Zippo MPL (multipurpose lighter) is 8 inches long and an inch wide and comes in black or silver metal. Recalled lighters bear datecodes G03, H03, I03 or ZH03, which are on the knob on the bottom of the lighter.

They were sold at Lowes,

Bed Bath & Beyond, Yankee Candle, Barbeques Galore, Harrington and Hammacher Schlemmer Catalog, Wal-Mart and other convenience, hardware and home, hearth and patio stores in the States from October 2003 to Sept. 1.

Consumers are advised to stop using the lighter and remove the black adjuster knob from the bottom to return to the company. For information on how to receive a free replacement lighter, consumers can contact Zippo at (888) 670-2940, weekdays 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission's Web site is www.cpsc.gov. Zippo Manufacturing Co.'s Web site is www.zippomplrecall.com

To our readers

Liz Pulliam Weston's "Money Talk" column will return soon. Stripes apologizes to her weekly readers.



Discover why so many people are saying...



SUN, OCT. 24 1:50 F1 Grand Prix: The 18th Round, Brazilian GP (8)

10:00 "Shogi" Lesson/NHK Trophy "Shogi" Tournament (3)

Afternoon 12:00 "Go" Lesson/NHK Trophy "Go" Tournament (3)

Tournament (3)
1:30 The 81st Hakone Ekiden (mara-thon relay) Preliminary (4)
3:00 Bridgestone Open Golf Tourna-ment: 3rd Round (4)

4:00 Japan National Athletic Meet: Track and Field (3) 5:30 Auto Racing: Japan GT Champion ship (12)

Evening
6:00 Japan Pro Ball: Japan Series
Game 6 - Chunichi Dragons vs.
Seibu Llons (8)

7:00 News (1) 7:00 Japan College Rugby: Teikyo Univ. vs. Meiji Univ. (42)

8:55 PGA Tour: 2004 Wales Open High lights (42)

lights (42)
9:00 Classical Music: NHK Symphony
Orchestra "Jupiter" from
Holst's Suite for Orchestra "The
Planets" Op. 32/Bach's Air on the
G String (3) 9:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Panic Room (2:09)(10)

11:30 Friends (42) 12:15 Soccer: Serie A - Udinese vs. Fiorentina (8) 12:55 MLB World Series (6)

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6:00 Japan Pro Ball: Japan Series Game 7 - Chunichi Dragons vs. Seibu Lions (6)(if necessary)

12:25 MLB World Series (taped)(6) 1:38 U.S. Movie (1999): Mickey Blue Eyes (1:58)(4)

2:28 Formula Nippon: The 8th Round, Motegi (8)

TUE, OCT. 26

12:30 V.I.P. (12)

5:50 News (6)

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10:00 Nikita (42)

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5:50 News (6) Evening 7:00 NHK News (1)

7:30 What I Like about You (3)

10:00 News (1) 12:55 Ultimate Fighting: World Max Preview (6) 1:28 Ultimate Fighting: WWE-X (8)

1:30 British Movie (1984): The Moving Finger (2:00)(12) 4:00 Japan National Athletic Meet: Track and Field (3) 2:38 U.S. Movie (1998): A Dog of Flanders (1:52)(4) 3:15 Music Travelogue (1)(r)

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12:30 V.I.P. (12) 1:30 British Movie (1991): They Do It with Mirrors (2:00)(12)

with Mirrors (2:00)(12)
2:00 Kanagawa College Baseball:
Yokohama College of Commerce
vs. Kanagawa Univ. (42)
3:30 Japan National Athletic Meet:
Hockey (3)

5:50 News (6) Evening 7:00 NHK News (1)

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Afternoon 1:30 British Movie (1992): The Mirror Crack'd from Side to Side (2:00)(12)

3:30 Japan National Athletic Meet: Rugby (3) 5:50 News (6)

Evening 7:00 NHK News (1)

8:00 Famous Families (42) 9:00 U.S. Movie (1997): Double Team (1:54)(12) 10:00 News (1)

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11:55 MLB World Series (taped)(6)
1:35 Football CX: Serie A/Premier/Liga Digest (8)
2:08 NFL Club (4) 2:38 Code Name: ETERNITY (4) 3:12 Best Hits U.S.A. (10) 3:25 Music Travelogue (1)(r)

FRI, OCT. 29

Morning 7:30 Disney (12) Afternoon

5:50 News (6) Evening 7:00 NHK News (1) 8:30 Planet Rugby (42) 9:03 U.S. Movie (1953): Roman Holi-day (2:21)(4)

10:00 News (1) 2:30 U.S. Movie (1999): Astronaut's Wife (8)

2:50 U.S. Movie (1988): Full Moon in Blue Water (1:50)(10) 3:10 U.S. Movie (1994): Clifford (1:50)(12)

(1:50)(12) 3:40 CBS Documentary (6) SAT, OCT. 30

1:00 Traditional Arts of Japan: Bunra ku (3) 2:00 J1 League Soccer: Kashima Ant lers vs. Yokohama F. Marinos (6) 3:05 Japan Pro Boxing (4)

3:30 ABC Championship Golf: 3rd Round (10) 4:00 Otsuka International Design Cen-ter Ladies Golf: 2nd Round (12) ter Ladies Gott: 2nd Round (12) 4:30 Japan Senior Open Golf: 3rd Round (1)

Evening 7:00 News (1)

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2:10 British Movie (1999): Plunkett and Macleane (1:40)(6) 2:50 J1 League Soccer: Tokyo Verdy vs. Jubilo Iwata (4)

3:20 U.S. Movie (1992): Wild Orchid 2: Two Shadows of Blue (1:40)(12)

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SUN, OCT. 24

Morning 7:20 U.S. Movie (2002): The Hot Chick (1:50)

10:10 U.S. Movie (2002): The Land Before Time IX: Journey to the Big
Mater (1:20)

Arternoon 1:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Analyze That 2:40 U.S. Movie (2002): Half Past Dead (1:40) 4:20 U.S. Movie (2003): In Hell (1:40)

Evening 6:00 Ultimate Fighting Champion-ships: Light-Heavyweight Title Match and Welterweight Title Match 8:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Spirit: Stallion

of the Cimarron (1:30) 9:30 U.S. Movie (2002): Star Wars Epi-sode II: Attack of the Clones (2:27)
12:00 Pro Boxing: IBF Light Heavy-weight Title Match
3:20 U.S. Movie (1989): Champions For-

4:55 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola

12:30 V.I.P. (12)
1:30 British Movie (1985): The Murder at the Vicarage (2:00)(12)
2:00 Kanagawa College Baseball: Kanto Gakuin Univ. vs. Kanagawa Institute of Technology (42)
3:30 Japan National Athletic Meet: Judo (3)

MON, OCT. 25

0 Oswald #30 0 U.S. Movie (1976): Rocky (2:02) 10:10 Canadian-Spanish Movie (2003): My Life Without Me (1:47)

Afternoon
12:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 1:00 U.S. Movie (2003): Special Forces (1:40) 2:40 U.S. Movie (2000): The Patriot (2:50)

(2:50) 5:30 Oswald #30 (r) 5:30 Oswald #30 (r)
Evening
6:00 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola
10:00 U.S. Movie (2003): The Lone
Ranger (1:35)
11:55 South Park #94
12:00 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola

Evening 7:00 MLB: World Series: Game #2 (r)

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rias: CSI: Crima Scana In.

tigation 10:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Maid in Man-hattan (1:52) hattan (1:52) 4:30 British Movie (1980): The Shining (2:27)

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7:30 Oswald #32 8:00 U.S. Movie (1960): G.I. Blues (1:50) 10:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Signs (1:57)

Afternoon 12:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene In-

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6:00 U.S. Movie (1948): A Foreign Af-fair (2:00).

10:00 British-U.S. Movie (2002): Lost in La Mancha (1:40)

3:10 Ultimate Fighting Championship: Light-Heavyweight Title Match and Welterweight Title Match (1:47)

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Morning 7:30 Oswald #33 10:00 U.S. Movie (2 tures of Pluto N (2002): The Adven-o Nash (1:40)

Afternoon 12:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene Investigation 3:00 U.S. Movie (2002): The Tuxedo (1:45)

5:30 Ocwald #33 (r) Evening 12:15 South Park #95

2:10 Pro Boxing: IBF Light Heavy-weight Title Match (r)

FRI, OCT. 29

Afternoon

12:00 TV Series: Sex and the City 12:30 TV Series: Sex and the City 1:00 U.S. Movie (2002): One Hour Photo (1:40)

Pnoto (1:40) 2:50 U.S. Movie (2002): Spirit: Stallion of the Cimarron (1:30) 4:20 U.S. Movie (2002): Knockaround Guys (1:34)

Guys (1.34) **Evening** 10:10 U.S. Movie (1978): Halloween (1:35) 11:45 U.S. Movie (1981): Halloween II

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SUN, OCT. 24

Morning 6:00 Wake Up! 8:00 VMA 2004 Scandal 8:30 Making the Video 9:00 Rock On 10:00 Rocks 11:00 YATAI

Afternoon 12:00 UK Rock Special 3:00 Making the Video 3:30 Screen 4:00 i-Catch Sunday Evening FOR World Chart Express Supported

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MON, OCT. 25

Morning

6:00 Wake Up 7:00 M Size Frid 8:00 Top Choice 10:00 Pure Musi 11:00 Top Choic

12:00 Rocks 1:00 Classic

1:30 Top Choice 2:00 Pure Music 3:00 Top Choice 4:00 Top Choice Selection: Rock 5:00 Top Choice

1:20 U.S. Movie (1982): Halloween III: Season of the Witch (1:40) 3:00 TV Series: Friends the Final 4:30 U.S. Movie (1997): Out of No-where (1:35) SAT, OCT. 30

Morning 6:05 U.S. Movie (2001): Don't Say a Word (1:55) 8:00 TV Series: Third Watch 9:00 TV Series: CSI: Crime Scene Inves-

tigation 10:30 U.S. Movie (2002): A Walk to Re-member (1:44)

Afternoon 2:10 U.S. Movie (2003): The Matrix Re-loaded (2:20)

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Evening
8:00 U.S. Movie (2002): Dragonfly
(1:50)
10:10 U.S. Movie (2002): The New Guy

(1:40) 12:00 TV Series: Friends the Final 12:30 TV Series: Sex and the City 3:15 U.S. Movie (2003): Freddy vs. Jason (1:40) 4:55 Spanish Soccer Liga Espanola

SUN, OCT. 24

Morning 7:00 HV Golf 7:30 Weekly NFL 8:00 World New 8:30 MLB: World Series: Game #1

8:90 MLB, WORLD Afternoon 2:30 MotoGP Highlights 3:00 Soccer JI League: Jubio Iwata vs. Albirex Niigata 5:00 Soccer JI League Results 5:40 CNN News

Evening 7:00 MLB: World Series: Game #1 (r) 11:50 CNN News

12:00 BS Sports Club 12:30 Sports & Encore Hour 5:00 PGA Golf: The Funai Classic Open: Final Round

MON, OCT. 25

Morning 7:00 Weekly NFL 7:30 Football Mundia 8:00 World News 8:30 MLB: World Series: Game #2 Afternoon 12:20 What's on Asia (r) 1:00 World News

na Cardinals 2:05 Asian News

JAPAN TV (BS7/NHK SATELLITE) (BILINGUAL AND SPORTS) 2:00 ABC News

> 3:20 Midnight Sports 3:50 ABC News 4:40 Asian News 5:00 World News

11:00 BS News 11:30 Economic News

12:16 NFL: Seattle Sea

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Afternoon 12:00 CNN News

9:00 World News 11:00 Dr. Weiss: Child Raising

1:30 ABC News 2:00 PBS NewsHou 3:00 CNN News 4:00 World News

10:00 TV Series: FR IX

5:00 CNN News

Evening
7:00 NFL: Denver Broncos vs. Cincinnati Bengals
9:30 World Sports Highlights
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Royal Family and America (2/2)
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Morning 6:00 World News 7:00 World News 8:00 World News 9:00 MLB: World Series: Game #3

Afternoon 1:00 Dr. Weiss: Child Raising 1:30 ABC News 2:00 PBS NewsHour

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Evening 7:00 MLB: World Series: Game #5 10:00 BS Prime Time: World Repor 11:00 BS News 11:30 Economic News 11:50 Figure Skating GP

10:00 Classical Music: Orchestra Lib-era Classica Afternoon

3:00 U.S. Movie (1978): California Suite (1:45)

1:30 Midnight Sports 2:05 Asian News 3:50 PBS NewsHo 4:40 Asian News 5:00 World News

SAT. OCT. 30

7:00 World News 8:00 World News 10:00 BS Prime Time: World Reports 11:40 CNN News

Afternoon 1:00 BS Saturday Sports 3:00 Soccer J1 League: Oita Trinita vs. Vissel Kobe

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Evening
7:00 Soccer JI League: Tokyo Verdy
1969 vs. Jubio Iwata
9:00 Soccer JI League Results

9:00 SOCCET IT LEAGUE RESUITS 11:50 CNN News 12:20 Figure Skating GP Series in America (3) 1:10 Figure Skating GP Series in Ameri-ca (4) 3:05 What's On Asia 3:30 What's On Japan

4:15 Weekend Japanology 5:00 PGA Golf: Chrysler Champion-

JAPAN TV (BS11/NHK SATELLITE) (BILINGUAL, SPORTS, MOVIES AND MUSIC) 7:00 NHK News

SUN, OCT. 24

Evening

MON, OCT. 25

Morning 10:00 Classical Music: Yoko Hasana.

TUE, OCT. 26 3:00 French Movie (1951): Nous Irons a Monte-Carlo (1:45) 10:00 Classical Music: Classic Club American Edition

8:00 U.S. Movie (1972): The Poseidon Adventure (2:00)

12:00 Tokyo Jazz 2004 Selection romi Uehara, Reel People, I Reeves

3:00 U.S. Movie (1967): Barefoot in the Park (1:50) Evening 7:55 U.S. Movie (1981): Sharky's Ma-chine (2:05)

10:00 TV Series: The West Wing 3 1:00 AFI: American Movies Best Ro-mance 100 12:00 Tokyo Jazz 2004 Selection (2) Ryoko Moriyama and Shimaker 1:00 British Movie (1994): Four Wed-ding and a Funeral (2:00)

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10:00 Classical Music

7:50 U.S. Movie (1988): Midnight Run (2:20) 10:00 TV Series: Alias 2

Afternoon 3:00 U.S. Movie (1969): Cactus Flow (1:45)

Evening

8:00 U.S. Movie (1985): Witness (1:55) 12:00 Movie Director Ron Howard 12:00 Tokyo Jazz 2004 Selection (3): Takashi Matsunaga NY Trio, Her-1:00 U.S. Movie (1994): It Could Hap-pen to You (1:45) 1:00 U.S. Movie (1987): Blind Date (1:40)

FRI, OCT. 29 THU, OCT. 28

7:00 NHK News

Morning

10:00 Classical Music: NHK Symphony Orchestra Concert Evening 7:00 NHK News 8:00 U.S. Movie (1995): First Knight (2:20)

12:30 Classical Music: NHK Music Fes-tival 2004

SAT, OCT. 30

7:00 NHK News

1:10 Taiwanese Movie (1987): Daugh-ter of the Nile (1:34)

AM WEEKLY RADIO

JAPAN - KANTO

EAGLE 810

Morning (Sun)
7:05 Religious Programming
9:00 Eagle 810 Sunday Brunch (Smooth Jazz)

Afternoon 12:00 American Country Countdown 4:00 A Prairie Home Companion Evening

Evening
600 Focus on the Family
630 Travel Radio
7300 F. Laura
7300 F. L

7:07 Paul Harvey News and Commentary 7:07 Paul Harvey News and Commentary 7:20 Pacific Report 7:24 Paul Harvey Rest of the Story 7:28 Eagle 810 News 7:30 Zama Commander's Corner (1st Friday) Yokota Commander's Corner (2nd & 4th Fri-

(ay) Yokota/USFJ Chief's Corner (3rd Friday) 10:00 Retro Café (70s, 80s, 90s)

10:00 Retro Café (70s, 80s, 90s)
Afternoon
12:05 Pacific Report
12:07 Paul Harvey News and Commentary
12:21 Air Force Radio News
2:00 Top 40 Must Current Chart Hits)
3:00 Traffic Jamz (Current Chart Hits)
4:05 Pacific Report
4:07 AFN Sportspage
4:17 Paul Harvey Next of the Story
4:17 Paul Harvey Next of the Story

Evening 6:00 From the Bench Live Sports (Wed) 7:00 NPS's Morning Edition LIVE Yokosuka Commander's Corne Thursday) 8:00 Rush Limbaugh /E nor (1st & 3rd

8:00 Rush Limbaugh
9:00 The Touch (Urban): Mon/Country:
Tue/Pure Gold (Ioldies): Wed/Rock of
Ages (Classic Rock): Thu/The Touch
(Urban): Fri
12:00 Z-Rock (Alternative)
2:00 Sports Overnight America
4:00 NPR's Talk of the Nation LIVE
Morning (Sat)

MOTHING (SAY) 6:00 NPR'S All Things Considered LIVE 8:05 Car Talk 9:00 Kim Komando 10:00 Classic Rock Afternoon 12:00 Rick Dees Weekly Top 40 4:00 Z-Rock (Alternative)

Evening 6:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night 7:00 The Touch (Urban) 12:00 Z-Rock (Alternative) 2:00 Sports Overnight Ame 4:00 Adult Contemporary

Morning (Sun) 7:00 NPR: All Thin

8:00 Rush Limbaugh 9:00 Parent's Journal 10:00 Chef's Table 11:00 Sports Overnight America Afternoon 12:00 Adult Rock 4:00 Pure Gold (Oldies) Evening 7:00 Hot AC

7:00 Hot AC 10:00 The Touch (Urban) 12:00 The Touch (Urban) 3:00 Pure Gold (Oldies) Morning (Mon-Fri) Morning (Mon-Fri)
6:00 Morning Air Strike
6:30 Paul Harvey News
7:10 Horoscope
7:30 Inside Iwakuni Radio News
8:30 Rest of the Story
8:30 Rest of the Story
9:00 Country Call Up
10:00 Bright AC/Golden Oldies (Fri)
11:00 Urban Assault
Afternoon

Afternoon 1:00 Z-Rock/Golden Oldies (Fri)

2:00 The Afterburner 2:30 Inside Iwakuni Radio News 2:34 Rest of the Story 2:34 Rest of the Story 2:36 Pacific Report 3:30 Paul Harvey News 3:40 AFN Sportspage 4:00 Departure Time Evening 6:00 NPR: Fresh Air 7:00 The Pock Shore

7:00 The Rock Show (Mon)/Old School (Thu)/The Mosh Pit (Fri) 12:00 Adult Rock 3:00 Country Morning (Sat) 6:00 Pure Gold (Oldies) 10:00 Soundbarrier

Afternoon 2:00 Rick Dee's Weekly Top 40 Evening 6:00 NPR: All Things Considered 7:00 The Jim Rome Show 8:00 The Touch 12:00 Z-Rock

JAPAN - MISAWA

THE EDGE - AM 1575 Morning (Sun) 12:00 Z-Rock

5:00 Hot Jazz

12:00 Z-Rock 2:00 Classic Rock 4:00 Hot AC 6:00 Sam Donaldsor 7:00 Religious 9:00 Oldies 10:00 Hot AC Afternoon 12:00 ACC Country

4:00 Adult Rock Morning (Mon-Thu) 12:00 Z-Rock

2:00 Classic Rock 4:00 Sports Overnite America 5:00 Rush Limbaugh

6:00 Matt in the Morning 9:00 Hot AC Afternoon 12:00 Classic Rock

3:00 Edge Aft Evening 6:00 Country 8:00 R&B 10:00 Hot AC 10:00 Hot AC

Morning (Fri)
12:00 Z-Rock
2:00 Classic Rock
4:00 Sports Overnite America
5:00 Rush Limbaugh
6:00 Matt in the Morning

9:00 FlashBack 11-00 Hot AC

Afternoon 12:00 Classic Rock 1:00 Inside The Line 3:00 That Country Show Evening 6:00 Classic Rock 8:00 R&R 10:00 Hot AC

10:00 Hot AC Morning (Sat) 12:00 Z-Rock 2:00 Classic Rock 4:00 Hot AC 6:00 Oldies 8:00 Car Talk

9:00 Saturda Afternoon 12:00 Rick Dees 3:00 Nuestra Musica 5:00 Kim Komando

JAPAN - SASEBO

THUNDER PADIO 1575 Morning (Sunday) 12:00 Top 40 4:00 Soft Hits

4:00 Soft Hits 7:00 Religious Programming 10:00 Focus on the Family 10:30 The Environmental Sho 11:00 Savyy Traveler Afternoon 12:00 American Country Cou 4:00 Top 40 Evening ican Country Countdown

6:00 Classic Rock 9:00 Z Rock Morning (Mon-Fri) 12:00 Soft Hits

Afternoon "The Jam" with Nikki V. (Mon, Wed and 12:00 12:00 Urban Music (Tue and Thu) 3:00 "The Rush"

3:00 "The Rush" Evening 6:00 Classic Rock

Morning (Saturday) 12:00 Top 40

4:00 Classic Rock 7:00 All Things Considered 8:30 Best of Our Knowledge 9:00 Oldies 10:00 Car Talk 11:00 DJ Top 40 Show (live)

Afternoon 12:00 Rick Dees American Top 40 4:00 Nuestra Musica 5:00 Country Evening 8:00 Urban

KOREA

Thunder AM Morning (Sun) 12:00 Country 5:00 NPR Weekly Edition 7:00 Bright Adult Contemporary

10:00 Nuestra Musica Afternoon 12:00 Oldies Radio 4:00 Sports Overnight America Evening 6:00 NPR Car Talk 6:00 NPR Car Talk 7:00 Prairie Home Companion 8:00 NPR Weekend Edition Sunday

11:00 Country Morning (Mon) 5:00 NPR 5:00 NPR 7:00 Morning Report 7:30 This Week with Sam & Cokie 8:00 Oldies Radio

Afternoon 12:00 Noon Report 12:35 News & Views 1:00 Dr. Lai 2:00 Country 5:00 Jim Rome Show

5:00 Jim Rome Show Evening 6:00 Evening Report 6:35 Sports Byline 7:00 Rush Limbaugh 8:00 NPR's Morning Edition 10:00 Country Morning (Tue-Fri) 12:00 Country 5:00 NPR

7:00 Morning Report 7:30 NPR Marker Place 8:00 Oldies Radio Afternoon 12:35 News & Vie 1:00 Dr. Laura 2:00 Country 5:00 Jim Rome Show

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SURF 648 AM Morning (Sunday) 6:00 Adult Rock (cont. Afternoon 2:00 Sports Overnight America (live)

Evening 7:00 Ben Maller & Jason Smith — Sports (live) 8:00 Adult Rock 12:00 Country

Morning (Mon)
7:00 NPR's All Things Considere
8:00 Adult Rock
11:00 Jim Lampley (live) Sports
Afternoon nas Considered (live)

Afternoon
1:00 The Dr. Laura Show (recorded)
1:00 The Dr. Laura Show (recorded)
1:00 Adult Rock
4:00 The Rush Limbaugh Show (recorded)
5:00 Sports Overnight America
Evening
7:00 NPR's Morning Edition (live)

11:00 Country 1:00 The Rush Limbaugh Show (live)

2:00 Country Morning (Tue-Thu) 6:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live) 8:00 Adult Rock

11:00 FOX Sports 11:00 FOX Sports
Afternoon
12:00 The Jim Rome Show (recorded)
1:00 The Dr. Laura Show (recorded)
2:00 Adult Rock
4:00 The Rush Limbaugh Show (recorded)
5:00 Sports Overnight America

Evening
8:00 NPR's Morning Edition (live)
11:00 Country (live)
Morning (Fri)
6:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live) 8:00 Country 11:00 FOX Sports

Afternoon 12:00 The Jim Rome Show (recorded) 1:00 The Dr. Laura Show (recorded) 1:45 Paul Harvey

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Morning (Sat)
8:00 NPR's All Things Considered (live)
10:00 Adult Rock Afternoon 12:00 The Jim Rome Show (recorded)

1:00 Adult Rock 1:00 Adult Rock 3:00 Sports Overnight America (live) Evening 6:00 Adult Rock

(Note: The Schedule is subject to change due to sports schedules.)

FM WEEKLY RADIO

JAPAN — YOKOTA

FM CABLE Radio Services (On Base Only) Z-Rock (Alternative) 90.3 FM Eagle 810 (Variety) 90.7 FM National Pubic Radio (News, Talk) 91.3 FM

Bright AC (Pop) 91.7 FM Adult Rock (Classic Rock) 92.3 FM The Touch (Urban) 92.7 FM Country 93.3 FM Pure Gold (Oldies) 93.7 FM

Hot AC (Today's Hits) 94.3 FM National Public Radio Morning (Sun) 6:00 Weekend All Things Considered

8:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night 11:00 Plano Jazz Afternoon

12:00 Beethoven Network 1:00 Weekend All Things Considered 2:00 Dialogue

2:30 Uncommon Knowledge 3:00 The WEMT Jazz Network 5:00 Jazz Profiles

Evening

5:00 Weekly Edition

7:00 A Prairie Home Companion 9:00 Weekend Edition Sunday 11:00 Justice Talking 12:00 Fresh Air Weekenn 1:00 This American Life 2:00 Le Show with Harry Sheare 3:00 On the Media

Morning (Mon) 6:00 Weekend All Thinns Considered 8:00 The WFMT Beethoven Network

12:00 Car Talk 1:00 Weekend All Things Considered 2:00 Fresh Air Weekend

3:00 The WFMT Jazz Network Evening

6:00 Morning Edition 11:00 The Diane Rehm Show (call in) 12:00 The Connection (call in) 1:00 Fresh Air 2:00 Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me

3:00 Talk of the Nation (call in) 5:00 All Things Considered Morning (Tue-Fri) 7:00 The World

8:30 Says You (Tue) Latino USA (Wed) Living on Earth (Thu) Uncommon Knowledge (Fri) Rewind (Sat) 9-00 The WEMT Reethoven Network

Afternoon 1:00 All Things Considered 3-00 The WEMT Jazz Network Evening

11:00 The Diane Rehm Show (call in) 12:00 The Connection (call in)

1:00 Fresh Air 2:00 Wait, Wait Don't Tell Me (Tue) Re-wind/, Says You (Wed) Newseum Radio (Thu) Car Talk (Frl) Dia-logue/ Uncommon Knowledge (Sat) 3:00 Talk of the Nation (call in)

5:00 All Things Considered Morning (Sat) 7:00 The World 8:00 Marketplace 9:00 The WFMT Beethoven Network 1:00 All Things Considered 3:00 The WFMT Jazz Network 5:00 WEMT 1977

Evening 6:00 Thistle & Shamrock 7:00 Weekly Edition

8:00 Rewind 8:30 Says You 9:00 Weekend Edition Saturday 11:00 Car Talk (call in) 12:00 Reale Street Caravar 1:00 Weekend Edition Saturday

3:00 Hot Jazz Saturday Night 5:00 National Proce Club

KOREA

EAGLE FM Morning (Sun)

12:00 Z-Rock 4:00 Bright Adult Contemporary 8:00 Christian Contemporary 9:00 Bright Adult Contemporary 10:00 Saturday Night 80's Afternoon 12:00 Bob Kingsley's Country Count-

4:00 Bright Adult Contemporary Evening 9-00 7-Pock

Morning (Mon-Fri) 12:00 Z-Rock

5:00 Live Local Show (Seoul, Uijong-bu, Kunsan, Taegu and Osan) 10:00 Live Local Show (Seoul, Taegu and Osan) Δfternoon

1:00 Bright Adult Contemporary 3:00 Live Local Show (Korea-wide) 6:00 Adult Rock

8:00 Urban Adult Contemporary 9:00 Adult Rock Morning (Sat) 12:00 7-Rock 5:00 Bright Adult Contemporary 8:00 Saturday Morning Wake-up (Korea-wide) Afternoon

12:00 Bright Adult Contemporary Evening 9:00 Adult Rock

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FM - WAVE 89 1 Morning (Sun)

12:00 Adult Rock 4:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC) Afternoon 12:00 American Country Countdown 4:00 Adult Contemporary (Hot AC)

Morning (Mon-Fri)

12:00 Adult Rock

12:00 Adult Rock 5:00 Morning Show (live) 9:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC) 11:00 Wave Break (live) Afternoon

1:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC) 2:00 Afternoon Show (live) Evening 6:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC)

10:00 Adult Contemporary (Hot AC) Morning (Sat) 12:00 Adult Rock 6:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC) 8:00 Saturday Show (live) 11:00 Adult Contemporary (Bright AC)

12:00 Rick Dees Weekly Top 40 4:00 Adult Rock

Evening 6:00 Adult Contemporary (Hot AC)

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SUN, OCT. 24 Morning

8:30 MLB: World Series Game 1 - St Louis Cardinals at Boston Rec Sox

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MON, OCT. 25

8:30 MLB: World Series Game 2 - St. Louis Cardinals at Boston Red WED, OCT. 27 Morning

9:00 MLB: World Series Game 3 - Bos-ton Red Sox at St. Louis Cardi-THU, OCT. 28

Morning 9:00 MLB: World Series Game 4 - Bos-ton Red Sox at St. Louis Cardi-nals FRI OCT 29

Morning 9:00 MLB: World Series Game 5 - Bos-ton Red Sox at St. Louis Cardi-nals (if necessary)

OKINAWA

SUN, OCT. 24 Morning

3:30 College Football: Boston Col-lege Eagles at Notre Dame Fight-ing Irish

8:30 MLB: World Series Game 1 - St. Louis Cardinals at Boston Red Sox

MON. OCT. 25

Morning 2:00 NFL: Philadelphia Eagles at Cleveland Browns 5:00 NFL: New York Jets at New En-gland Patriots 8:30 MLB: World Series Game 2 - St.

Louis Cardinals at Boston Red

TUE, OCT. 26

Morning 10:00 NFL: Monday Night Football -Denver Broncos at Cincinnati Bengals

WED, OCT. 27

Morning 9:00 MLB: World Series Game 3 - Bos-ton Red Sox at St. Louis Cardi-nals

KOREA

Morning College Football: Boston Col-lege Eagles at Notre Dame Fight-ing Irish 3-30 Co 8:30 MLB: World Series Game 1 - St. Louis Cardinals at Boston Red

MON. OCT. 25

Morning
2:00 NFL: Philadelphia Eagles at
cleveland Browns
5:00 NFL: New York Jets at New England Patriots 8:30 MLB: World Series Game 2 - St. Louis Cardinals at Boston Red

TUE, OCT. 26 Morning

10:00 NFL: Monday Night Football -Denver Broncos at Cincinnati WED, OCT. 27

Morning 9:00 MLB: World Series Game 3 - Bos-ton Red Sox at St. Louis Cardi-

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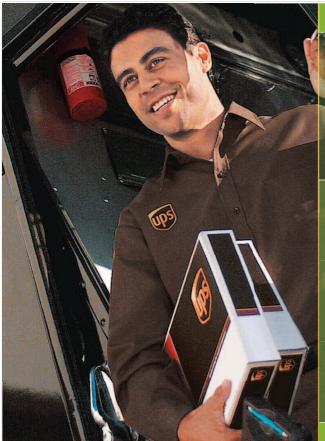


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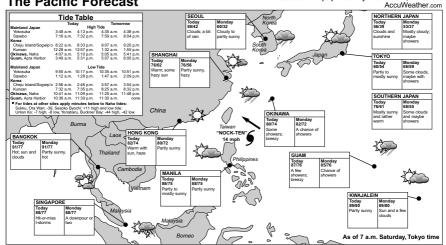
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Extended Forecasts

high 54, low 45.

Tuesday: Periods of clouds and high 66, low 45. Wednesday: Mostly sunny.

KADENA

Tuesday: Rain, high 78, low 68 Wednesday: Rain, high 76, low 68.

SEOUL

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, high 50, low 30. Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high 56, low 39,

MANILA

sunshine, high 88, low 75. Wednesday: Periods of clouds and sunshine high 86, low 75

Tuesday: Periods of clouds and

HAGATNA

Tuesday: Showers, high 87, low 78. Wednesday: Show high 87, low 76.

Friday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	60/38	Los Angeles	69/54
Amarillo	73/45	Little Rock	83/66
Anchorage	38/31	Louisville	75/59
Asheville	65/48	Miami	85/72
Baltimore	57/40	Milwaukee	58/55
Birmingham	80/60	Nashville	75/62
Bismarck	47/37	New York	57/47
Boise	55/42	Omaha	76/51
Boston	53/42	Orlando	82/64
Brownsville	92/75	Philadelphia	59/44
Buffalo	55/44	Phoenix	75/54
Burlington	54/33	Pittsburgh	62/45
Charleston, S	C 74/53	Portland, OR	57/46
Charlotte	65/56	Portland, ME	55/36
Cleveland	60/48	Salt Lake City	52/39
Columbus, Ol	H 66/50	St. Louis	72/64
Duluth	55/50	San Antonio	90/71
El Paso	71/49	San Diego	70/56
Hartford	53/37	San Juan	88/76
Helena	52/35	Tampa	85/66
Indianapolis	68/55	Tulsa	82/59
Jacksonville	78/58	Washington	57/46
Kansas City	78/58	Wichita	79/52



U.S. Extended Forecast

A cold front will bring showers to New York and the mid-Atlantic region Sunday. Widely-separated showers and thunderstorms will develop along the tail end of the front in the Southeast. However, South Florida will remain dry under sunny to partly cloudy skies. In the front's wake, breezy conditions will affect the Upper Midwest. Another cold front will cause rain and snow showers to form over the Dakotas and eastern Montana with a stray shower possible over Nebraska and into the Texas Panhandle. Flurries will occur across the higher elevations of the Rocky Mountains, while a cold front will trigger showers in the extreme Northwest. Plenty of sun will shine in the Southwest.

Sunday's Pacific Temperatures

Sunday's World Temperatures

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CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY F	IIGH/LOW
Bangkok	91/77	lwakuni	69/59	Sasebo NB	75/61	Acapulco	90/79	Budapest	69/55	Kabul	71/29	Nairobi	79/52
Beijing	66/40	Kadena AB	80/74	Sapporo	56/39	Athens	75/61	Buenos Aires	68/54	Kiev	61/50	New Delhi	89/60
Camp Casey	59/41	Kunsan AB	63/50	Seoul	59/42	Auckland	66/56	Cairo	91/64	Kuwait	93/65	Oslo	47/34
Christchurch	60/39	Kwajalein	89/80	Shanghai	76/62	Baghdad	90/60	Cancun	84/72	London	57/46	Paris	56/44
Diego Garcia	84/75	Manila	88/75	Singapore	88/77	Barbados	92/74	Cape Town	78/55	Madrid	74/49	Rio de Janeiro	79/68
Hagatna	87/76	Misawa AB	59/37	Sydney	75/53	Barcelona	76/65	Geneva	62/57	Mexico City	75/54	Rome	75/59
Hanoi	85/72	Osan	61/43	Taegu	65/50	Berlin	64/52	Istanbul	71/58	Montreal	52/39	St. Petersburg	49/37
Hong Kong	82/74	Perth	75/50	Taipei	81/68	Bermuda	78/72	Jerusalem	85/59	Mogadishu	82/70	Stockholm	48/39
Honolulu	86/73	Pusan	67/55	Tokyo	60/54	Brussels	57/45	Johannesburg	72/56	Moscow	50/40	Warsaw	62/50



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Michigan at Purdue.

AFN-Sports, 8 a.m.-College football: ESPN
College GameDay Scoreboard.

AFN-Atlantic, Pacific/Korea, AFN radio Oki-nawa, Japan/Kanto Plain, Korea, 8:30
a.m.-Baseball: World Series, St. Louis at Bos-

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AFN-Pacific/Korea, 1 a.m.-NFL: CBS The FL Today.

AFN-Atlantic, 1 a.m.-NFL: FOX NFL Sunday.

AFN-Pacific/Korea, 2 a.m.-NFL: Jackson-AFN-Atlantic, 2 a.m.-NFL: Detroit at N.Y. Gi-

ants.

AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.-Auto racing: NASCAR
extel Cup Subway 500.

AFN-Pacific/Korea, 5 a.m.-NFL: N.Y. Jets at
New England.

AFN-Atlantic, 5 a.m.-NFL: Dallas at Green

ay. AFN-Sports, 6 a.m.-NFL: Seattle at Arizona d in progress). I-Sports, 8:30 a.m.-NFL: ESPN NFL Prime

ime. AFN-Pacific Korea, Atlantic, AFN radio Oki-awa, Japan/Kanto Plain, Korea, 8:30 .m.-Baseball: World Series, St. Louis at Bos-

on, Game 2. **AFN-Sports, 10 a.m.**-Figure skating: Skate merica (dld). AFN-Spo orts, 1:30 p.m.-NFL: ESPN NFL Prime-AFN-Sports, 4:30 p.m.-Golf: PGA Funai Clas-ic, final round (dld)

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AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.-Baseball: World Series,
St. I ouis at Boston, Game 2 (dld). All times Japan and Korea Standard Time; did indicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Some radio broad-casts not available in all areas, Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

Pro football

NFL

Arizona San Francisco San Francisco 1 5 0
Sunday's games
St. Louis at Miami
Detroit at N.Y. Giants
Buffalo at Baltimore
Atlanta at Kansas City
Jacksonville at Indianapolis
Chicago at Tampa Bay
San Diego at Carolina
Philadelphia at Cleveland
Tennessee at Minnesota
N.Y. Lets at New England Tennessee at Minnesota N.Y. Jets at New England Dallas at Green Bay Seattle at Arizona New Orleans at Oakland Open: Pittsburgh, Washington, San Fran-isco, Houston

Monday's game
Denver at Cincinnati
Sunday, Oct. 31
Detroit at Dallas
Arizona at Buffalo Arizona at Buffalo
Cincinnati at Tennessee
Green Bay at Washington
Jacksonville at Houston
Indianapolis at Karsas City
Baltimore at Philadelphia
N.Y. Giants at Minnesota
Carolina at Seattle
Atlanta at Denver
Oakland at San Diego
New England at Bittshurgh

New England at Pittsburgh San Francisco at Chicago Open: Tampa Bay, St. Louis, New Orleans, Javaland Monday, Nov. 1 Miami at N.Y. Jets

Pro basketball

NBA preseason EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division



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Orlando 92, New Orleans 91
Houston 98, Chicago 78
Philadelphia 97, San Antonio 95
Golden State 90, LA. Lakers 88, CPT
May Sames
Portland at Charlotte
New Jersey at Boston
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Washington at Detroit
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Sacramento at Utal alers
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Houston at Orlando
Cleveland vs. Boston at Uncasville, Conn.
New Jersey at Philadelphia
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Toronto at Chicaoo

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Sunday's games
Utah at Detroit
Charlotte at Washington
Dallas at New York
Indiana at Denver
New Orleans at LA. Clippers
Phoenix vs. L.A. Lakers at Las Vegas

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Marit Safin (3), Russia, def. Luis Horna,
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Pro soccer

MLS playoffs

Dean Wilson Kent Jones Tim Clark Billy Andrade Rod Pampling Neal Lancaster Arron Oberholser Matt Kuchar

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Purse: \$4.2 million
First Round

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Bart Bryant
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Charles Schwab Cup Thursday At Sonoma Golf Club Sonoma, Calif. Purse: \$2.5 million Yardage: 7,069; par 72 (36-36) First Round Tom Kite
Dana Quigley
Hale Irwin
Jose Maria Canizares
Morris Hatalsky
Craig Stadler
Peter Jacobsen
Jerry Pate
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Madrid Open Friday At Club de Campo Madrid, Spain Purse: \$1.2 million Yardage: 6,967; Par: 71 Second Round, Leading Sc

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Boxing Fight schedule

Terry Price, Australia Jamie Spence, England

At Miccosukee Resort & Gaming Resort, Miami, Victor Santiago, Puerto Rico, vs. Edel Ruiz, Mexico, 12, for Santiago's WBC CABOFE featherweight and Ruiz's WBO Latin featherweight titles. Oct 28

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At Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Hollywood,
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NABO bantamwelght title.

Nov. 19
At Desert Diamond Casino, Tucson, Ariz,
Nito Bravo, Tucson, Ariz, vs. Jesus Santiago,
Seattle, 10, Junior welterwelghts.

At Mandalay Bay Resort & Casino, Las
Vegas, Winky Wright, St. Petersburg, Fla., vs.
Shane Mosley, Pomona, Calift, 12, for
Wright's WBC and WBA super welterwelght
titles.

At The MGM Grand Garden Arena, Las Vegas, Erik Morales, Mexico, vs. Marco Anto-nio Barrera, Mexico, 12, for Morales' world super featherweight title; Oscar Larios, Mexi-co, vs. Nedal Hussein, Australia, 12, for Lari-os' WBC super bantamweight title.

Deals

Thursday's transactions

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL PLAYERS ASSO-TION—Promoted Chris Dahl to communi-ions manager.

American League

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American League
TEXAS RANGERS—Named Brook Jacoby
minor league hitting coordinator.

National League
CHICAGO CUBS—Named Chris Speier third
hase coach

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
CHARLOTTE BOBCATS—Released G Corey

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WINBA—Announced the resignation of Val

Ackerman, president, effective Feb. 2005.

FOOTBALL

BUFFALO BILLS—Signed Jerry Gray, defensive coordinator, to a contract extension.

PHILADELPHIA FLYRES - Announced Craig Hartsurg, assistant coach, has left the team to become coach of the Sault Ste. Marke Greyhounds of the Ontario Hockey League.

League.

SIG SKY CONFERENCE—Suspended Portand State TE Scott Weaver three quarters of their next game for punching a Montana state player during a game on Oct. 16.

FAIRLIGH DICKINSON—Named Roy Flores sessistant athletic trainer.

FAIRLEIGH DICKINSON—Named KUP Fronce assistant athleit trailner.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS—Named Shannon Baugh women's assistant basketball coach.

N.Y. TECH—Named Freddy Deleaus women's basketball coach and Desirae Ross as-

sistant coach.

ROGER WILLIAMS—Named Jacqueline
Marro cheerleading coach and Tim Cohane
men's assistant basketball coach.

Marshall leads W. Virginia to top of Big East

QB breaks McNabb's rushing mark

BY JOHN RABY The Associated Press

MORGANTOWN, W.Va. - Svracuse found out the hard way how difficult it is to harness West Virginia's Rasheed Marshall.

When Marshall wasn't improvising for first downs with his legs, he was finding his receivers in the end zone. And now No. 15 West Virginia has sole possession of first place in the Big East.

"He's a running back who can throw the ball. He's elusive, a good arm, and he's able to find his guys open despite some scrambling," Syracuse safety Diamond Ferri said.

Marshall threw for three scores and ran for 87 yards to break Donovan McNabb's conference career rushing record for quarter backs in the Mountaineers' 27-6 victory Thursday night.

Marshall has 1,605 career rushing yards, breaking McNabb's mark of 1,561. In 2002, Marshall set the season mark of 666 formerly held by Michael Vick at Virginia Tech

Asked if he should be considered as good a college quarterback as the pair, Marshall said, 'Yeah. Heck yeah. If you ask me, I definitely do.

"Being mentioned in the same sentence as Vick or McNabb, those guys you see on Sundays making plays. Just to be in the same category and surpassing them is great."

It turns out Marshall was pronhetic. He told a teammate at the start of the season he thought he would break the record against McNabb's former team.

"It makes it that much better. There is an extra sweetness to it." Marshall said

Marshall set the record on a 24-yard TD run that was called back when receiver Chris Henry was flagged for holding. Marshall was credited with nine vards on the spot foul.

Henry made up for the gaffe on the next play, hauling in a 25-yard scoring pass for a 17-0 halftime lead.

Earlier, Henry scored from 27



West Virginia's Rasheed Marshall (2) set a Big East career rushing

vards.

vards out. It marked the second straight year he had two TD catches against Syracuse.

West Virginia (6-1, 2-0) amassed 279 yards on the ground against the league's worst de-

Walter Reyes, Syracuse's leading rusher, was ill and missed his first game since his freshman sea-

"He was in bed all day with an antibiotic. There was no way he could play because he was sick as a dog," Syracuse coach Paul Pas-

qualoni said. Reyes' replacement, Damien The Mountaineers held Syra-Rhodes, was limited to 67 yards cuse (3-4, 1-1) to 66 yards rushing on 20 carries, including a 2-yard and stopped four Orange drives

head on the sidelines.

mark for quarterbacks and threw three TD passes on Thursday night.

Tiny track poses big challenge for Nextel drivers

BY HANK KURZ JR. The Associated Press

MARTINSVILLE Va - Midway through their 10-race playthe Nextel Cup contenders are at the shortest and slowest oval on the NASCAR circuit - a place four-time series champion Jeff Gordon insists can be as damaging to title hopes as the fastest

The nearly flat half-mile Martinsville Speedway reminds no one of high-banked and ultra-fast Talladega, but presents its own set of problems

"At Talladega, everybody talks about avoiding the big one," said Gordon, third in the competition among the top 10 racers. "There, it's one big wreck that collects 17 cars. At Martinsville, it's 17 little wrecks that collect several cars.'

Gordon has firsthand knowledge of the problems a driver might encounter at Martinsville, where he's won three consecutive poles and has five career victo-

It could also have been three straight victories, but Gordon was unlucky in Martinsville's spring race. Running second to Dale Earnhardt Jr., Gordon's Chevrolet was damaged by a chunk of concrete that broke loose from the track, and he finished sixth.

Even worse for Gordon, now 74 points behind series leader Kurt Busch and 50 back of Earnhardt. was management's decision to resurface since the last race.

"The new racing surface is smooth with a lot of grip," he said. "But I wish they had waited to make the changes. I thought we had a big edge on the competition

Many drivers welcomed the resurfacing, even though some have wondered whether a faster

will make for one-groove track with passing virtually nonexistent.

"I'm somewhat fearful of that," said Tony Stewart, sixth in the standings. "But no one will truly know until we all get there and

Two years ago, Busch surprised even himself by winning on the .526-mile oval. In that race a quick pit stop with 91 laps to go gave him the lead, and taught him that timing and luck - are keys to succeeding on the narrow track with extremely tight turns.

start running on it.

"It's going to have the intensity like it always does, but yet the top-10 guys are going to feel that pressure of when to pit and what

decisions to make." he said. Unlike larger tracks, where the leaders frequently pit almost in unison, Martinsville's slower speed encourages some to stay out longer to get track position vital to success as the race winds

down and the best cars lead the

fense, led by Jason Colson's 113

inside the 20-vard-line without

The conditions also put a premium on team performance

"It's one of those tracks where you can be pretty good and have a bad pit stop and it costs you a lot of track position," said Earnhardt, a top-five finisher in each of the last five races here without winning. "It's hard to get it back. especially with the new surface.' Complicating that effort, said Greg Zipadelli, crew chief for Stewart, is trying to battle back against 42 other cars all trying to

"Martinsville is the type of place where if something can happen, then it will happen to some-body, somehow," Zipadelli said. 'Plus, tempers and things tend to get stirred up there and it's really easy to get caught up in someone

else's mess. "Hopefully we'll stay fast and just get through it all to get us a good finish."

TD run midway through the third quarter.

points, including twice in the

the game with touchdowns on 18

of its 20 drives inside the oppo-

nents' 20, had its own troubles

Three drives ended inside the

Syracuse 10, resulting in two field

goals by Brad Cooper. Another at-

tempt by Cooper was partially

"When we put it all together, I

will be happy," Marshall said.

"We still have mental mistakes -

blocking the wrong guy, throwing

it to the wrong person, that type

son, a streak of 42 contests. Reves

wore a jacket and a towel over his

deep in Syracuse territory.

West Virginia, which entered

fourth quarter.

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NASCAR Nextel Cup Subway 500 Lineup



At Mattriavalle, Sederway

Lap length: 6358 miles

1. (2) Rusty Wallance, Dodge, 97,048 miles

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1. (4) Ward Burton, Chevrolet, 98,107.

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1. (6) Travis Kangli, Dodge, 96,107.

1. (7) Scott Riggs, Chevrollet, 95,607.

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1. (8) Light Sederman, Dodge, 96,107.

1. (2) James Mayfield, Dodge, 97,78.

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5. (17) Matt Kenseth, Ford, 94,770.
5. (65) Kyle Petty, Dodge, 94,756.
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6. (16) Kyle Petty, Dodge, 94,756.
6. (16) Michael Walting, Chevrolet, 94,618.
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6. (18) Billiot Sadler, Ford, 94,444.
6. (25) Bodby Mamilton, 27, Chevrolet, 94,288.
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11. (31) Robby Gordon, Chevrolet, 93.975. (98) Chad Chaffin, Ford, 93.957. (9) Kasey Kahne, Dodge, 93.761. (4) Jimmy Spencer, Chevrolet, Prov

40. (50) Todd Bodine, Dodge, Provisional. 41. (72) Kirk Shelmerdine, Ford, Provision

42. (80) Mario Gosselin, Ford, Provisional
 43. (37) Kevin Legage, Dodge, Provisional



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Williams' attorney: RB retired because of dispute with NFL

BY JOHN NADEL The Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. - Ricky Williams abruptly retired from the Miami Dol-phins last summer because he disagreed with the NFL about a drug test. Williams

now wants to play again.
Attorney David Cornwell said Thursday the league "took a position regarding that test that we thought was inappropriate.

"What we challenged was the testing and the specimen from last December's testing," Cornwell said after a 90-minute meeting with two NFL officials and a union representative aimed at resuming the star running back's career.

"It was important to have us all in the same room." Cornwell said. "In the course of the last 10 months, there have been vari ous discussions between the parties. I'm going to make a formal proposal for Ricky to resume his career as soon as possible.

2002 rushing champ seeks reinstatement

"My preference is that he was able to play last week Williams did not attend the meeting. Cornwell said his client is taking classes in

California and refused to elaborate

"He had a class today — I spoke to him right after the meeting," Cornwell said. An arbitrator ruled last month that Williams, 27, must repay more than \$8.6 million

to the Dolphins for breaching his contract. Cornwell said as far as he's concerned. that has nothing to do with Williams' desire

"My assessment is he wants to play foothall "Cornwell said The Miami Herald has quoted Williams

as saying he has failed three drug tests - in May 2002, last December, and last spring.

A second positive test calls for a player

to be fined his salary for four games and a third results in a four-game suspension without pay. A first or second failed test is not made public.

At issue is whether Williams decided to retire as a result of learning he was facing

a four-game suspension. "I'm not going to go into the specifics of our rationale," Cornwell said, "We had a

point of view: the NFL had a different point of view That being the case, Cornwell said he didn't believe Williams should face a sus-

pension upon returning. "Ricky made the decision to retire. Clearly, Ricky overreacted as things unfolded," Cornwell said. "But for that misunderstanding, he would not have retired. This was a human who had a particularly emo-

"I've seen hundreds of reports concerning what this was about. None of them are right. As far as I know, he never wanted to stop playing football. The issue was not whether he wanted to play football. The issue was the implications of his continua ing to play football."

After announcing his retirement, Williams told the Herald his desire to continue smoking marijuana played a role in his decision to stop playing after five NFL seasons - three with New Orleans and two with the Dolphins.

Williams rushed for 3,225 vards in two easons with the Dolphins, currently the NFL's only winless team.

Cornwell said he wasn't qualified to say Williams was in playing shape, but added: "I think he looks great. I think his mood is excellent. I view him as being in great spirits, very engaged in this process. anxious to get back at it.

Jags' Leftwich shrugs off pain

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Jackquarterback Byron Leftwich doesn't understand why his teammates

briefs

and coaches rave about his toughness. Sure. there was the memo-

rable shin injury he played through at Marshall in 2002 when his linemen had to carry him downfield after big gains against Akron. Then there was bruised shoulder sprained ankle he played through last weekend against Kansas City. But tough? He believes that's a word better used to describe Ten-

nessee's Steve McNair or Green Bay's Brett Fayre. "I'm not a tough guy," Leftwich said Thursday. "I don't want to be a superhero. I just try to deal with

pain the best I can and if I'm capable of helping my team, I will al-ways do that. We'll worry about pain and whatever I did to myself after the game.' That was his plan in college

and it will be again Sunday at Indianapolis, a game that could play a role in deciding the AFC South. Leftwich returned to practice

Thursday and took the majority of the repetitions, a good indica tion he will start against the division-leading Colts. The Jaguars never questioned whether he would go.

about Leftwich's reputation when the Jaguars drafted him with the seventh overall pick last year. But the coach said he learned even more about the second-year starter on Sunday.

"I think you gain respect when you see somebody who's a real warrior, giving it up, playing through pain, playing through tough circumstances," Del Rio "I think anybody who saw his effort has to feel like this guy is pretty tough. I think we'll see more of it. I just think that's the way he's wired." Leftwich bruised his left shoul-

der on the second series against Kansas City and was helped off the field. He didn't miss a snap.

Then he sprained his right ankle late in the game and was hobbling between plays.

Once again, he stayed in the game. He led the Jags on a 70-vard touchdown drive in the closing minutes and capped it with a 14-yard scoring pass to Cortez Hankton with 45 seconds to play, lifting Jacksonville to a 22-16 victory.

He was seven of eight for 67 ards on the final drive and finished the game 24 of 36 for 298 vards with three touchdowns, two passing and one rushing

Bears to give Couch a tryout LAKE FOREST, Ill. - Their quarterback situation a mess, the Chicago Bears will bring in Tim

NFL injury update ent NEL players, folby team's prognosis: RB Travis Henry (foot) question-

DIE. Eagles: LB Mark Simoneau (foot) oubtful: DE Jerome McDougle (irregular ars: OB Byron Leftwich (shoulder 'obable. rs: LB Mark Fields (back) proba-Vikings: WR Randy Moss (hamstring)

Couch for a physical and a tryout Friday.

Chicago starter Rex Grossman is out for the season with a knee injury and backup Jonathan Quinn has struggled in two starts. Rookie Craig Krenzel and Chad Hutchinson, who started nine games for Dallas as a rookie in

Couch, first pick in the 1999 draft by the Cleveland Browns, was released in June and signed with the Green Bay Packers.

2002, are also in the mix.

Bothered by a sore arm and a difficulty grasping the offense, he completed 11 of 34 passes for 96 yards in three exhibition games for Green Bay and was cut Sept. 5.

"He was injured early. He's well now, so we want to give him a physical and see exactly where he is. Let him work out and see exactly where he is there and kind of go from there," Bears coach Lovie Smith said Thursday.

Couch started 59 games for the Browns, passing for 64 touchdowns and 11,131 yards, but his



With injuries to an ankle and shoulder, Jaguars quarterback Byron Leftwich completed seven of eight passes in a last-minute winning drive last week.

\$7.6 million contract for 2004 made him expendable when the Browns signed free agent Jeff Garcia to be their starter.

Appeals court won't rehear Clarett case

NEW YORK - A federal appeals court has rejected running back Maurice Clarett's longshot bid to get the court to reconsider suit challenging the NFL's eligibility rule for the draft. Lawyers on both sides were

old this week that the 2nd U.S Circuit Court of Appeals had rejected a request for a rare rehearing by all 11 judges. The former Ohio State player must now de-cide whether to appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

In May, a three-judge appeals panel said federal labor policy allows NFL teams to set rules for when players can enter the league, stopping Clarett from en-tering the NFL Draft.

Marino, Young, Irvin top list of Hall nominees

The Associated Press

CANTON, Ohio - Quarter-backs Dan Marino and Steve Young and wide receiver Michael Irvin are among nine first-time nominees for the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Commissioner Paul Tagliabue

also is among the 89 nominees on the preliminary ballot.

Marino, who holds the career records for yards passing, compleand touchdown passes, spent his entire 16-season career with the Miami Dolphins. Young, who began his career in the USFL, played first in the NFL for Tampa Bay, then starred with San Francisco, setting a record for touchdown passes in a Super Bowl with six in the 1995 gam Irvin starred for the Dallas

teams that won three Super Bowls in four seasons in the 1990s.

Other first-time nominees in-clude Dan Reeves, who coached Denver to three Super Bowls and Atlanta to another; guard Nate Newton, who played with Irvin on the Dallas Super Bowl teams; de fensive lineman Charles Haley. who was on Super Bowl winners with both San Francisco and Dallas; the late Derrick Thomas, who starred at linebacker for Kansas City; Kevin Greene, a pass-rushing star with several teams; and safety Steve Atwater, who starred for Denver in the '80s and 90s



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Patriots put to test against unbeaten Jets

BY DAVE GOLDBERG The Associated Press

The perception is that the New England Patriots are awesome, the result of their NFL record 20-game winning streak. In truth, they just win, not overwhelm - their margin of victory during the streak is just

about nine points per game



But the perception is one reason New England is favored by 61/2 points for Sunday's meeting in Foxboro with the New York Jets, a game between two of the NFL's three remaining unbeaten teams with the AFC East lead on the line.

The spread also conveys some skepticism about the Jets

They are 5-0, but the teams they've beaten are a combined 6-22.

Take away San Diego's three wins and Cincinnati, Buffalo, Miami and San Francisco have just three wins among them. and one of those is by the Bills over the Dol-

Still, the game provides Bill Belichick with a way to take attention off the winning streak and put it on what he and his play ers say is their only goal this year - winning another Super Bowl. While a win this week would set vet another record of most consecutive regular-season wins at 18, the more important issue is the division title. There's also the "get the big guys" fac-

"Everyone wants to beat the people who are on the top," Patriots quarterback Tom Brady says, "With us winning the championship last year and being 5-0 this year, everyone is ready to take us down. We know



Jets defenders sandwich New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady, center, in this 2003 photo. Not since 1973 have two NFL teams gone this deep into the season und ed and played each other. Both teams are 5-0, with the Patriots winning their past 20.

that. We feel that. We are doing everything that we can to not allow that to happen, but we are always going to get all of these teams' best efforts.'

Last week's Seattle game demonstrates why the Patriots have won 20 in a row. Brady fumbled, then was intercepted as the Seahawks rallied from a 20-3 deficit. But he produced 10 points on the next two

drives to help put away the victory.

And Bethel Johnson, inactive two weeks ago for unspecified reasons, made a diving 48-yard catch to set up the clinching touch-

The Jets can keep it close. Most teams that play the Patriots do. They just don't win.

PATRIOTS, 27-23

Jacksonville (plus 91/2) at Indianapolis: The Colts won in Jacksonville, are rested and have too much firepower for the Jags late-game heroics. ... COLTS, 34-20.

Denver (minus 51/2) at Cincinnati (Monday night): The Bengals played well enough last season to get their first Monday night game in a dozen years. They

Philadelphia (minus 7) at Cleveland: The third unbeaten team remains so. ... EA-GLES, 31-13

Tennessee (plus 7) at Minnesota: Injuries and salary cap problems are costing the Titans. Even if Randy Moss doesn't play. ... VIKINGS, 34-23

Detroit (plus 61/2) at New York Giants: Two pleasant surprises, although the Lions let down at home against the Packers last

week. ... GIANTS, 23-13. Dallas (plus 3) at Green Bay: Can the Packers lose a fourth straight at Lambeau?

PACKERS 20-16 Atlanta (plus 4) at Kansas City: If Vick was a little more familiar with his new of-

fense. ... CHIEFS, 23-20. San Diego (plus 3) at Carolina: Every thing has gone wrong for the Panthers this

season. ... CHARGERS, 19-14. Seattle (minus 7) at Arizona: If the Seahawks can't stop the bleeding here, it won't stop. ... SEAHAWKS, 34-10.

Chicago (plus 6) at Tampa Bay: Craig Krenzel, who could play for the Bears if Jonathan Ouinn falters, was a nice college OB. ... BUCS. 20-3.

St. Louis (minus 61/2) at Miami: Southern Cal would give 6 1/2 against the Dolphins. ...

RAMS, 24-6 New Orleans (plus 3) at Oakland: Kerry Collins should get more time to throw this

week. ... RAIDERS, 27-26. Buffalo (plus 6) at Baltimore: No Jamal, so the Bills keep it close again. ... RAVENS,

11.6 Last week: 5-9 (spread), 6-8 (straight

Season: 46-40-2 (spread), 59-29 (straight

Sherman's pep talk continues to motivate Packers

The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. - Coach Mike Sherman is going to keep calling the plays for the Green Bay Packers. He doesn't expect he'll need another pregame pep talk, however.

Sherman gave a memorable speech before making a spectacular debut as a play-caller in the Packers' 28-point win at Detroit last week that ended the team's monthlong nosedive

It was the first time since Mike Holmgren paced the Packers' sideline in the 1990s that Brett Favre had his play-caller on the field with him, and the three-time MVP loved it: "Being down there. he's seeing, he's hearing, he's feeling what's going on," Favre said.

With offensive coordinator Tom Rossley still weak from heart surgery, Sherman will continue directing Favre from the sideline at least until midseason. and Rosslev will advise him from the coaches' box The Dallas Cowboys visit Lam-

beau Field on Sunday for a crucial game between two underachieving teams that still harbor hopes of a playoff push. The Cowboys (2-3) have never won in four trips to Green Bay and the Packers (2-4) are trying to avoid their first 0-4 record at home since 1986

Two weeks ago, they gave up a franchise-worst 48 points at Lam-



5 a.m. Monday AFN-Atlantic

Game time is Japan and Korea Standard, Guam is one hour ahead: Singapore and Hong Kong are one hour behind.

beau to Tennessee, their seventh loss in the past 13 games at the previously intimidating stadium where they had gone 61-8 from

1995-02. Yet, the Packers believe they've turned the corner thanks to their solid performance at Detroit and Sherman's impass heartfelt talk at the team hotel the night before the game.



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"It wasn't a pep talk, it was more of him just putting his heart on the table," Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila said.

NFL players tend to time out the Knute Rockne-type speeches they've heard since they were in Pop Warner, but this wasn't that. "It's hard to believe in pro foot-

ball guys need to hear some things like that sometimes to play up to par, but it was a good one, Favre said

Sherman went around the room and reminisced with his players, telling stories about several of them, about how he first scouted them or when he met them or a

when things finally clicked. He talked about how he hadn't

lost faith in them, about how they were the same team that made the playoffs three years in a row and how they were going to pull out of this funk together as long as they still believed in him and in each other.

Afterward, "you could see in everyone's eyes that we were ready to play and we had about had it playing the fashion that we were playing football. We're a better team than we had shown the previous four weeks," safety Darren Sharper said.

The Packers said the usually

tional side, and they responded in resounding fashion

Yeah, they sure did," marveled Cowboys coach Bill Par-

Maybe the Cowboys could use something similar from Parcells, whose team hasn't scored more than 21 points in a game this sea-son and has been outscored 45-9 in the fourth quarter, including 27-0 the past two weeks.

"We need to work on finishing games," Cowboys safety Roy Williams said. "Right now, we're just playing three good quarters.

"We're together. There's noth-ing wrong. We just need to get a



Surprising success with familiar formula

Giants, Lions winning turnover battle, preventing big plays on special teams

BY TOM CANAVAN The Associated Pres-

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. -While the Detroit Lions and New York Giants have been two of the biggest surprises in the NFL this season, the reason for their success isn't startling.

Taking the ball away on defense, holding it on offense and preventing big plays on special teams usually translates into winning records.

Unlike a year ago when they combined for nine wins and fell out of playoff contention early, the Lions (3-2) and Giants (4-1) will have a lot at stake Sunday when

they meet at Giants Stadium. The Giants are riding a four-game winning streak that includes road victories over Green Bay and Dallas in the past two games. The run under new coach Tom Coughlin matches their victory total in 2003.

People on the street treat you a lot better than they did when we were 4-12, trust me," Giants defensive end Michael Strahan said. "Our thing is to go out there and give them something that they can cheer for, and hopefully, that is a 5-1 record."

New York has struggled in games after its off week. It has lost three straight, six of seven and 12 of 15 since the week off was instituted in 1990.

"It's a home game and we have to win our home games," said Giants halfback Tiki Barber, whose 577 yards rushing is second in the NFC. "That's what our focus is. It's the oldest axiom in sports. We

are preparing for the long run. The Lions, who were 5-11 a year ago, also have something to prove after a 38-10 home loss to

Green Bay last week Not only didn't Detroit play well, but coach Steve Mariucci



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said the team did not react well to adversity.

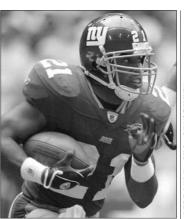
"You're going to have up and down weeks," Detroit quarter-back Joey Harrington said. "The teams that are alive in January are the ones that can manage the ups and downs of a season.

The key for both teams this season has been defense, particularly the ability to generate take-

The Giants have taken the ball away from opponents 15 times. The Lions have 12. Both are among the league leaders in turnover differential



Detroit's Joey Harrington has eight touchdown passes and three interceptions this season. Last year, he had 17 touchdown pas es and 22 interceptions



With 577 yards, Giants running back Tiki Barber ranks second in the NFC in rushing. He is averaging 163.4 total yards per game.

Neither offense has been explosive, but both have been great at maintaining possession. Each has just four giveaways

Coughlin is concerned about the Lions' special teams. Eddie Drummond is third in the league in kickoff returns with a 29.0-yard average. The Lions also have stopped opponents inside the 20-yard line on eight of 21 kickoff returns

Detroit, which went three years without a road victory, has won two in a row away from home.

"I love going back to New York and playing, especially against a good team," Mariucci said. 'You've got to be able to be good on the road and even better at home. So as we go through this we're learning how to do this. This is going to be a very physical

"You watch that team play and they're very strong and physical and veteran-like," Mariucci added. "Kind of like the Giants

playoff team from recent years. They kind of went into a tailspin last year, but prior to that they were a playoff team."

If there is a difference between the teams, the Lions have a greater mixture of youth and veterans. Coughlin still has many members of the nucleus that took New York to a Super Bowl appearance in the 2000 season

"We're trying to do things with long term in mind and to build a solid foundation of youngsters that can be with us for a long time and that's our plan and we're sticking to it right now," Mariucci said. "We do have a long ways to go, but I like the direction that we're heading and I like the energy that this team has

The Giants and Lions have not played a regular-season game since 2000, when Detroit won 31-21. Detroit also beat the New York Jets in the Meadowlands that season. The Lions have won their past four games at Giants Stadium, also sweeping both New York teams in 1994.

Zama gets first victory of season

Stars and stripes

MISAWA AIR BASE, Japan -Behind the power running of fullback Chris Johnson and several long gains by Donovan Nance. Zama American won its first game of the season Friday in the Japan Football League, beating Robert D. Edgren 38-7 and handing the struggling Eagles their third straight loss.

Johnson ran for two touchdowns, Nance added two and Stephen Moore capped the contest with an 80-yard scoring run.

"The kids finally put together four quarters of football." Zama American offensive coordinator Ray Oxman said. "It took eight weeks to get everybody on the same page — offense, defense, special teams. In our huddle after the game, the kids realized this is what they should have been doing all season? Zama led 30-0 before the Ea-

gles broke the shutout with four minutes left on Terry Ashton's 18-yard touchdown pass to Charles Whatley.

The Trojans avenged a 14-12 loss to Edgren on Sept. 18.

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Cards cost Clemens a trip to Fenway Park

ll of New England would have been quaking with anticipation. Just imagine: Roger Clemens back at Fenway, wearing the ene-my's colors for a fourth time in the postseason, this time in Game 7 of the World Series



Five years ago, when Clecame back in pinstripes to face Pedro Martinit was the most anticipated pitching matchup in the long and quirky history Boston's venerable old

Now, instead of a rematch with Clemens wearing the brick-red jersey of the Astros, it's just another of those tantalizing baseball "what-might-have-beens

Don't try telling this to the fans in Boston and St. Louis, but a little electricity and even more glamor drained out of the World Series early Thursday night. That's when Scott Rolen lined a back-breaking, two-run homer off Clemens just beyond the wall in left in the sixth inning to lift the Cardinals to an eventual 5-2 win

We Even with everything I've done in my career, this was special.

Championship Series. "When I have a chance to look back tomorrow and throughout the week a little bit, I'll be extremely happy I didn't break down this year because I couldn't afford to do that with the other in-juries we had," Clemens said. "I couldn't have an off night. You

grind and hope it's good enough. "I really felt good about our chances tonight," he said. "It just didn't work out."

That the Astros got this far, farther than they had in the 42-year history of the franchise, seemed like small consolation on this night. They were 12 games behind St. Louis in the NL Central when Phil Garner took over as manager for Jimy Williams and 191/2 back when they began the improbable run that carried them to the wild card and past Atlanta in the division series

Clemens was 10-1 from the midway point of the season, including two victories in the playoffs, and each outing became more important once fellow starters Wade Miller and Andy Pettitte were injured and had to be shut down for the season. The wear and tear on Clemens' arm and nerves, at age

in Game 7 of the National League 42, was considerable, but he never let it show. Instead, he took the ball every time Garner offered it, determined to see the

string play out. When it did, finally, the memo ries that came flooding back weren't about the performances on the mound that could earn Clemens an unprecedented seventh Cy Young award. Instead, they were about the quirky moments that validated his decision to unretire and pitch once more in his hometown just a few weeks after telling New York Yankees boss George Steinbrenner that he was

Whether he'll do the same to Astros owner Drayton McLane is anybody's guess

through.

"I'll leave that for later," Clem-

What he chose to remember at the moment was the fans in Houston turning up outside his house at all hours of the night and day, pleading with him to return after the Astros signed Pettitte. He remembered the brief bus rides to different ballparks as the Astros heated up in the playoff chase, filled with bravado and laughs. He remembered his sons getting a chance to see him pitch at home

recalled. "We had as much confidence in Roger as anybody else we could have turned to

Roger Clemens

Houston Astros pitcher

and how, on more than a few nights, he drove home wearing "a

"Even with everything I've done in my career," he said, "this was special."

Unfortunately, it's also over.

Clemens in New York and helped

convince him to come back, prom-ised to "try my darnedest" into

talking the old man to come back

"The funny thing," he added,

is that my biggest worry was

that Roger would get hurt and the

whole thing would end badly. In-

stead, he has a Cy Young season

and I'm the one who ends up

For most of the night, against

one of the most potent lineups in

the game, Clemens looked like his

untouchable self. No one in the

Cards' batting order could get

around on his splitter or his fast-

ball - he was clocked between 85

mph and 94 mph throughout -

and he felt strong. Then came the

strong and his velocity was still

right there. It was a dangerous

part of the lineup, some of the

best hitters there are against one

of the best pitchers of all time,"

"The night was cool, he looked

going down.

sixth inning.

Pettitte, who pitched alongside

funny smile on my face."

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"How could you not?" Hickey said, "It just turned out that two of them wound up getting the best

of him." That would be Albert Pujols, who pulled a low fastball into left for a double, and Rolen, who followed that by ripping a shot into the corner. Both figure to be showcase performers when St. Louis, baseball's winningest team this season, rolls into Fenway to start the World Series on Saturday

The Cards are as professional an outfit as there is in the game, solid and patient and efficient. but hardly spectacular. The Red Sox will counter with plenty of hitting, a little better pitching from starters to closer, and plenty more personality.

But the most entertaining pitcher in the game, the guy who came back and defied age and the odds of carrying an undermanned Astros team even this far, won't be along for the ride.

"I'm sure I'll watch bits and pieces of it." Clemens said.

Without the lure of the Rocket back at Fenway for a Game 7, it will be interesting to see how much of the nation does the same. Jim Litke is a national sports columnis for The Associated Press. Write to him at: jlitke@ap.org

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Cards flying high behind big birds

Pujols' tying double, Rolen's homer rally St. Louis past Astros, Clemens

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS - Jim Edmonds made a circus catch. Jeff Suppan outpitched the Rocket. And Al-bert Puiols and Scott Rolen came through, yet again.

Surrounded by a rollicking sea of red, clearly these St. Louis Cardinals could do no wrong. With their fans hootin' and hol-

lerin' the whole time, the Cardinals suddenly broke loose in the sixth inning against Roger Clemens. Puiols lined a tving double. Rolen followed with a home run and St. Louis beat the Houston Astros 5-2 Thursday night in Game

7 of the NL Championship Series. Next up for the Cardinals: the Boston Red Sox in the World Series opener Saturday night at Fenway Park. By all accounts, it should be a classic. The teams also met in the 1967 and 1946 Series, and St. Louis won both, each time going the full seven games

"It's going to be a blast," Edmonds said. "Boston's a great town. They played so well to beat the Yankees

The Astros-Cardinals matchun was the ultimate hometown series - the only best-of-seven LCS in which the home team won every game. "We went to Houston, they got

the crowd going," Pujols said. "Brought the series back here, did it in front of our home crowd. Like I said, it's amazing.

The club sporting the famed birds-on-the-bat logo captured its 16th pennant. The Cardinals made it by going 6-0 at home this postseason, rallying from a 3-2 deficit against the wild-card As-

The Cards did it in front of fans dressed in red from head to toe. Standing and shouting, they simply would not let their team which led the majors with 105 victories - fall short.

"There's no doubt that the enthusiasm of the crowds in both places was a factor in the games. Adrenaline starts kicking in and you get stronger and faster." Cardinals manager Tony La Russa

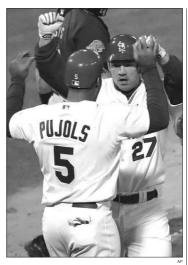
Suppan overcame a leadoff home run by Craig Biggio to win an apparent mismatch against Clemens. The bullpen combined for three scoreless innings, shutting down Carlos Beltran and Co., with Jason Isringhausen working the ninth for his third save.

"You know there are so many people depending on this right arm to get it done," Clemens said. "I really felt good about our chances tonight. It just didn't work out '

After running away with the NL Central, the Cardinals advanced to their first World Series under La Russa, and first overall since 1987

Red Sox have the home-field advantage because the NL lost the All-Star game. Clemens was shelled in that game, and the AL won that edge. Pujols helped give St. Louis the

edge at Busch Stadium. His tving double in the sixth inning left him at 500 with four homers and nine RBIs in the series. Overall, the teams combined for 25 homers. most in any postseason series.



Scott Rolen is greeted by Albert Pujols after hitting a two-run home run off Roger Clemens in the sixth inning of NLCS Game 7 Thursday night.

"It's every little boy's dream. I'm glad to have won the MVP, but that trophy is going to stay

right in this room because every-body here is MVP," Pujols said. Rolen hit a two-run homer, and Larry Walker singled home an insurance run in the eighth.

"We got every element," Walker said

For the Astros, it was devastating. They have never reached the World Series since their expansion season of 1962, the same year Clemens was born

Given a 2-0 lead, Clemens could not hold it in his record fourth start in a Game 7

was 0-4head-to-head games against Clemens this year, including a loss in Game 3. Yet he pitched out of trouble for six innings, then turned it over to relievers Kiko Calero, Julian Tayarez and Isring-

The Cardinals improved to 9-4 in Game 7s, the most such victories in baseball, and they did it against Clemens, who ended a brief retirement in order to pitch for his hometown team.

After the game, he wouldn't say whether this was his last game. "I'll leave that for later." he

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Rivals: Sox, Cardinals have some history

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first time since 1987, didn't arrive until early evening. With the sky turning dark, the Cardinals got an up-close look at Fenway, which the Red Sox claim is "America's Most Beloved Ballpark," according to a sign outside the stadium.

How hot a ticket are this week end's games

On eBay, \$5,100 was bid for four bleacher seats for the opener. Want a better view? Someone bid \$7,700 for four box seats.

"I want to see us win one time." said 85-year-old Johnny Pesky, a former Red Sox star who now is a special assignment instructor with the team. "I can die happy then."

Pesky was blamed by some for Boston's Game 7 loss to the Cardinals in '46, with some saying he held the relay too long on Harry Walker's double, allowing Enos Slaughter to score from first base.

Boston didn't make it back to the Series until '67, when it faced the Cards again, and Bob Gibson pitched a three-hitter on three days' rest to beat Jim Lonborg.

St. Louis, which last won the Series in 1982, will start Woody Williams in the opener. The Cardinals' bashers, whose .278 batting average led the National League. will have to deal with Tim Wakefield's often-baffling knuckler.

Houston's wait is 43 years and counting

By JOEL ANDERSON The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS - Houston can't escape postseason heartache. Make it 43 years and counting.

Houston has had major league baseball longer than any city without hosting a World Series and the Astros fell short again this seaeven with homegrown son Roger Clemens on the mound in Game 7

Scott Rolen hit a two-run homer off the tiring Clemens in the sixth inning Thursday night, lifting the St. Louis Cardinals to a 5-2 victory over the Astros in the NL Championship Series clincher.

"We had everything that we wanted out there," first baseman Jeff Bagwell said. "We had the Rocket pitching for us. We knew it was going to be a battle. They just beat us, bottom line."

Now that Boston has gotten by the archrival New York Yankees, the Astros become the latest franchise waiting to overcome a dreadful postseason history. The Astros dropped to 1-8 in

playoff-clinching games, the only victory coming in Game 5 of the NL Division Series against Atlanta this season

By beating the Braves to get out of the first round, the Astros took a small step forward. But they'll head into a long winter - a balmy one in Houston, at least knowing they had plenty of chances to eliminate a team that won a major league-best 105 games.

"I just told my players that, without question, this is one of the greatest runs in the history of the game," said Phil Garner, who took over as manager when Jimy Williams was fired at the All-Star break. "It was a fantastic run. I described our season from midway on as very improbable. I think that's appropriate.

This was the closest Houston

had been to the World Series since Nolan Ryan left the mound with six outs to go against Philadelphia in the 1980 NLCS. The Phillies rallied late and won in 10 innings, and Houston hasn't been the same since.

The Astros also lost close ones in the NL West division series to the Los Angeles Dodgers in 1981 and the NLCS to the New York Mets in 1986

This really seemed as if it was the year the Astros would get to the World Series. They had an improbable 36-10 finish that included 18 straight home victories, the Chicago Cubs collapsed, the Los Angeles Dodgers helped eliminate the San Francisco Giants, and Houston clinched the wild card in its 162nd game.

The Astros paid back the Braves for playoff defeats in 1997, 1999 and 2001, beating Atlanta at Turner Field to win their first-ever postseason series.

Indeed, history appeared to be on Houston's side Thursday night The Astros took a 2-0 lead. Cle-

mens was cruising and the sellout crowd of 52,140 at Busch Stadium was eerily quiet as the innings went on.

The momentum shifted in the sixth, when the Rocket was clearly gassed and the heart of St. Lou is' powerful lineup was due up. Al-bert Pujols doubled with two outs to tie it and Rolen followed with a 343-foot blast into the left-field seats that sent the crowd into a

The Astros' "Killer Bs" lineur of Bagwell, Craig Biggio, Carlos Beltran and Lance Berkman had

no sting when it mattered most. Those four and slugging second aseman Jeff Kent, went a com bined 1-for-17, with Biggio's leadoff homer in the first the only hit.

"We had some quality at-bats and nothing to show for it," Big-gio said. "It simply wasn't meant to be for us."

Yankees preparing for offseason overhau

Cashman back as GM, charged with signing big talent

BY MIKE FITZPATRICK

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Brian Cashman's job is safe - at least for now

The rest of the New York Yankees have plenty to worry about this winter. Soon after the Yankees' historic collapse against Boston in the AL playoffs, volatile

owner George Steinbrenner told Cashman, the team's general manager, that he won't be fired before next season. Steinbrenner also informed Cashman he should prepare to be summoned to Tampa. Fla., for meetings in the next few days: The

star-studded Yankees need to figure out why they fell apart against the Red Sox after opening a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven ALCS

"He wants results for his investment, like any businessman," Cashman said Thursday Cashman has one year remaining on his

contract. It's his job to spend Steinbren-ner's money wisely and bring champion-ships to the Big Apple, but the Yankees have gone four years without winning the

World Series. He knows what he needs to look for in

the offseason. "It'll be pitching," Cashman said. "I don't think offense is a problem on this



The Yankees are reportedly interested in Houston Astros center fielder Carlos Beltran, who can become a free agent after the World Series ends.

Despite a \$183 million Opening Day payroll, the Yankees were short on starting pitching all season. When they wanted to add Randy Johnson during the summer, didn't have enough major -ready prospects to interest Arizona

Injuries to the aging rotation forced manager Joe Torre to overwork his bullpen, leaving the team vulnerable in the playoffs even with a seemingly insurmountable

The Red Sox rallied against closer Mari-

Tom Gordon in Game 5. Those two games totaled 26 innings in two days, taxing New

York's relievers Because of a rainout earlier in the series. 39-year-old Kevin Brown wound up starting Game 7 despite a balky back and only

three days' rest. He was hammered, as was right-hander Javier Vazquez, who followed Brown and walked five batters in two innings in Boston's 10-3 blowout.

"Those are the areas we're going to look at, the bullpen and the rotation," Cashman said. "I thought this past winter was more difficult. We had a great amount of holes to fill. This winter, we don't have three guys coming out of the rotation, but we do have pitching needs, nonetheless.

New York became the first team to blow a 3-0 lead in a best-of-seven series. The rival Red Sox celebrated right in the middle of Yankee Stadium, a most humiliating moment for such a storied franchise.

"DAMNED VANKEES" proclaimed the New York Post over a shot of shortstop Derek Jeter hanging his head.

"THE CHOKE'S ON US," offered the Daily News, which featured a doctored picture inside of Babe Ruth with a tear rolling down his cheek.

Still, Steinbrenner was classy in defeat Thursday.

"I congratulate the Boston Red Sox on their great victory," he said in a statement. "I want to thank our loval fans for their enormous support. Of course, I am disappointed because I wanted a championship for them and for our city. You can be assured, we will get to work and produce a great team next year.

though some of the team's best hitters did get off to a great start. After a 19-8 victory at Fenway Park in Game 3, New York failed to come through in the clutch time and time again. Gary Sheffield was 1-for-17 in the final four games, Alex Rod-

riguez 2-for-17 When a guy is hitting .640 for the first few games of a series, he's probably not going to hit .640 for the whole series. This isn't Little League," said batting coach Don Mattingly, who said he would like to return

next season if the organization wants him. "Those are the games I look back on, that we left some guys out there. We got a little bit out of our game plan," he said

Help is probably on the way. The Yankees are said to be extremely interested in Carlos Beltran, the multitalented center fielder who had a huge postseason with the Houston Astros Beltran can become a free agent after

the World Series, and the Yankees are probably one of the few teams that can afford him. If he winds up in New York, Bernie Williams could become a full-time designated hitter

The Yankees also expect slugger Jason Giambi to be completely healthy by spring training

The free-agent market for starting pitchers includes Pedro Martinez, but it's hard to imagine him going from the Red Sox to the Yankees. There's too much ugly history there. Derek Lowe could also be available: he was the winner in Game 7 on Wednesday night.

Other interesting names include Florida's Carl Pavano, Atlanta's Russ Ortiz, St. Louis' Matt Morris, and the Chicago Cubs' Matt Clement.

City drops plan to ban alcohol around Fenway during World Series

BY MARTIN FINUCANE

The Associated Pres

BOSTON - The mayor backed off his threat of banning alcohol from around Fenway Park during the upcoming World Series but more police will be inside neighborhood bars be to make sure fans don't get too drunk or rowdy.

After meeting for an hour Friday with more than 25 bar and restaurant owners, Mayor Thomas Menino backed down from a threat to invoke a rarely used state law to ban liquor "in cases of riot or great public

He had considered the ban after thousands of raucous fans took to the streets after the hometown Red Sox won the American League championship by beating the New York Yankees in the final game Wednesday night. Victoria Snelgrove, 21, a student at Em-

erson College, died after being hit in the eye by police firing pepper spray into the crowd, and more than a dozen others were injured.

Bar owners agreed to a series of restrictions, including not allowing patrons to line

up outside to wait to get in, not allowing bars to become overcrowded or patrons to drink too much, and not allowing television crews to shoot scenes inside bars. Authorities were worried that television coverage of bar patrons encourages people to act out as they play to the cameras.

In addition, police will step up their pres-

ence inside bars near the ballpark around the tourist hot spots of Faneuil Hall and the city's waterfront to enforce the agreed upon restriction.

The bar owners, who agreed to the restriction, are "part of what we're trying to positive manner," Menino said.

Bar and restaurant owners had evnressed outrage when Menino first floated the idea of banning alcohol sales around Fenway Park, where the Red Sox will go up against the St. Louis Cardinals in a best-of-seven World Series that begins Saturday.

After the meeting with the mayor, Patrick Lyons, who owns several nightclubs on Landsdowne Street across from the ballpark, said: "We're intent on having a good safe environment within the licensed premises.'



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Francona gives ball to Wakefield in Game 1

Knuckleballer gets call as Boston's bullpen recovers from lengthy ALCS

BY HOWARD ULMAN

The Associated Press

BOSTON - Tim Wakefield is finally going to get a chance to start a playoff game - and it's a big

When Boston returns to the World Series on Saturday for the first time since 1986, Wakefield will be on the mound at Fenway Park. It will be his first start of this year's playoffs, though he made three relief appearances.

He was also ready to relieve in the pennant-clincher against New York on Wednesday night, but he wasn't needed in a 10-3 victory that completed Boston's unprecedented rally from a 3-0 deficit.

"Once we stayed away from Wake, he was Game 1 starter.' Boston manager Terry Francona said Thursday. "I think pitching-staff wise, we'll go from being on fumes to being OK. Because, a couple days off for these guys will

Curt Schilling will start Game 2 at Fenway Park, meaning he won't have to bat and risk damage to his injured ankle. Pedro Martinez will start Game 3. giving him two extra days of rest, followed by Derek Lowe.

Lowe had been bounced from the rotation at the start of the playoffs before resurrecting his status with six innings of one-hit hall against New York in the seventh game of the AL championship series. Bronson Arroyo, the Game 3 starter in the ALCS, will be in the

Wakefield, who gave up Aaron Boone's homer to end the 2003 ALCS, pitched the last three innings of Game 5 against the Yankees this year and got the win in

Boston's 5-4 victory in 14 innings. Francona also said that designated hitter David Ortiz probably would play first base in St. Louis, where the DH won't be used.

"We don't want that bat out of the lineup," Francona said. "It's a



Boston's Tim Wakefield gave up seven runs and nine hits in 71/3 innings in the ALCS, but worked three scoreless innings in Game 5.

.. because that's not our team. Our team is having David Ortiz DH and having (Kevin) Mill. ar play first and have (Doug) Mientkiewicz come in for defense, and that's not going to be our team. We'll do the best we can.'

With two days between the end of the ALCS and the World Sepitchers have time to rest. They played 12 innings in Game 4, 14 in Game 5 and then two nine-inning games, without a day off,

Wakefield showed up at Fenway on Thursday and threw to Doug Mirabelli, who will catch him in the opener. Closer Keith Foulke also loosened up his arm after having pitched in the fourth, fifth and sixth games. He was not used in Game 7

Lowe allowed one hit in six innings on just two days' rest Wednesday night but left after throwing 69 pitches in six innings.

Martinez came in and allowed two runs in the seventh before Mike Timlin pitched the eighth and he and Alan Embree worked

Why not stay another inning with Lowe, who had pitched so

"Derek Lowe had no more innings," Francona said. "The last thing he said to me when he went out [to the mound] in the sixth was, 'Don't leave me out there to

The plan was for Lowe to pitch to three hitters then be replaced by lefty Mike Myers if the fourth hitter, lefty Hideki Matsui, came up. But Lowe retired the side in order and Martinez, rested after starting Monday night, took over in the seventh.

"There weren't exactly an abundance of fresh arms down there, Francona said of his decision to use Martinez. "I was excited about bringing him in that game and I know he gave up some hits and some runs but he actually threw the ball very well.

Francona said he got a note Yankees owner George Steinbrenner before Game 7, and a call from New York manager Joe Torre afterward to congratulate him. In between, Francona delighted in destroying their championship hopes

The enormity of beating the Yankees hadn't sunk in yet for Francona.

"We haven't accomplished what we set out to accomplish vet," he said. "I'm glad we're playing still, which a few days ago was certainly an uphill battle. But it's just not time to have the final celebration. We're excited to be doing what we're doing, but we're

Lewis leads Funai with a career-low 62

By Doug Ferguson The Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. -J.L. Lewis matched his lowest score on the PGA Tour and was kicking himself for two short birdie putts that got away.

"I should have shot lower todav." Lewis said after a 10-under 62 Thursday.

Vijay Singh extended his streak of 21 rounds under par at Disney — 17 of those in the 60s — and quickly retreated to the practice range to pound balls under the steamy sun.

"It was a fighting round today," the Fijian said of his bogey-free

The Funai Classic at Disney always brings out low scores and high expectations

Lewis eventually realized his round was about as good as it gets, and it gave him a two-shot lead. He putted for birdie on every hole and made 11 on the Magnolia course, his only setback coming on a three-putt from the fringe on No. 15, the only green he missed in regulation.

"I played well and I putted fair-ly well until I missed a couple there," Lewis said with slight resignation in his voice. "But I made most of them, so I'm pretty happy with it

Two-time Disney champion John Huston, John Deere Classic winner Mark Hensby and Scott Hend shot 64, while two-time Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal was among those at 65.

Hensby had such an easy round that he couldn't remember where he made his birdies.

The scores were so low on the Magnolia and Palm courses that 86 players shot in the 60s and only 17 players in the 144-man field were over par. It helped that the sun was out, the breeze was mild and the turf was soft

Lewis made his round sound just that simple.

"Nobody can explain golf, so I'm not going to try," he said. "I just try to hit each shot the best I can and get myself in a situation where hopefully, I'll have a chance to do something good on Sunday. That's all you can do."

Lewis birdied his first four holes to put his name atop the



J.L. Lewis' score on Thursday matched his lowest on the PGA Tour, last accomplished in the final round of last year's 84 Lum ber Classic, which he won.

leader hoard. He birdied five of the first six holes on his back nine to separate himself from the other early starters.

It was his lowest first-round score on the PGA Tour Lewis also had a 62 in the final round last year when he won the 84 Lumber Classic

Eight others joined Singh in the group at 66, from former British Open champion Ben Curtis to Wachovia winner Joev Sindelar to the resurgent Tom Lehman, who had his 15th consecutive round under par.

Nuggets' Anthony cited for marijuana possession

The Associated Press

DENVER - Carmelo Anthony was cited for marijuana possession while boarding the team plane last week, though the Denver Nuggets star says the bag of drugs was left in his backpack by

Anthony, 20, was issued a summons last Friday at Denver International Airport while the Nuggets were waiting to board a flight to Milwaukee for an exhibition

"I am innocent of this charge because I did not use or intention-ally possess marijuana. I had no idea that there was marijuana in my backpack," Anthony read from a statement before Thursday's exhibition game in Los Angeles against the Clippers. "I sincerely regret any embarrassment this unfortunate incident has had on my family, supporters and the Denver Nuggets organization. They have always stood by me, and that means the world to me.

Anthony's attorney, Daniel Recht, said that the marijuana was left there by an out-of-town friend who borrowed the backpack last week.

'The friend obviously uses marijuana and left a small amount in the backpack when he returned it to Carmelo," Recht said. "Carmelo had no idea there was any marijuana in the backpack."

Anthony was charged with possessing less than 1 ounce of marijuana, a petty offense with a maximum \$100 fine and no jail time.

Recht said Anthony's friend, James Cunningham of St. Louis, has signed an affidavit taking responsibility for leaving the mariiuana in the backpack. Cunningham often stays with Anthony when he's in Denver on business

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"Our position is that the city attorney has always been extreme ly fair, and I think that Carmelo we want him treated like everybody else," Nuggets General Man-ager Kiki Vandeweghe said. "We want all the facts to come to light, which I think that most or all of

J. O'Neal to sit out rest of Pacers preseason

INDIANAPOLIS - Jermaine O'Neal's preseason appears to be finished because of a foot injury. Indiana Pacers coach Rick Carl-

isle said Thursday that O'Neal probably would miss the remaining five exhibition games to rest a strained ligament in his left foot.

"Our hope is to get him back by the beginning of the regular sea son " Carlisle said

Sharapova defeats V. Williams

ZURICH, Switzerland — Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova needed little more than an hour to defeat Venus Williams 6-3, 6-4 in the quarterfinals of the Swisscom Challenge on Friday.

The seventh-seeded Williams, who won the tournament in 1999 broke the 17-year-old Russian's serve in the match's opening game. The fourth-seeded Sharapova broke Williams' serve twice on

the way to winning the first set. In the second set, Sharapova broke serve to lead 4-3 and held serve thereafter.

Sharapova's victory sets up an all-Russian semifinal with No. 3 Elena Dementieva.

LPGA Tour rookie falters in PGA Q-school

LA QUINTA, Calif. - LPGA Tour rookie Isabelle Beisiegel shot her second consecutive 80 Thursday in the third round of the PGA Tour qualifying tournament, effectively ending her chance — at least for now — of becoming the first woman to

Beisiegel's 54-hole total of 28-over 244 put her 81st in the 82-player field. Only the top 23 players and ties from the first-stage qualifying event on the Norman Course at PGA West advance to the second stage of

the three-step process.

Beisiegel will be 23 shots off

the final round. Her 8-over 80 was better than four players in the third round and she matched the score of seven others.

'I felt like today I had so many rdies that I left out there," she said. "I played really well. But the putting is just something that I've been struggling with."

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Boston Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz, the ALCS MVP, provided clutch hitting as the Red Sox came back from an 0-3 series deficit.

St. Louis Cardinals first baseman Albert Pujols, the NLCS MVP, batted .500 with four homers and nine RBIs against the Houston Astros.

Old rivals meet again

Cardinals-Red Sox played seven-game Series in 1946, '67

The Associated Press

BOSTON - The World Series logo was back on the field at Fenway Park, just like last year. Only this time, it's for real

That's right, the 100th World Series opens Saturday night in the city where the Fall Classic began in 1903 with Cy Young pitching a complete game against Pittsburgh for the Boston Pilgrims, predecessor to the Red Sox

Boston, seeking to win the World Series for the first time since 1918, will be playing the St. Louis Cardinals, the team that did in the Red Sox in Game 7 in 1946, then again in 1967

Fenway Park, the smallest ballpark in the big leagues and one of baseball's jewels, will be hosting the Series for the first time since 1986, when Boston left home with a 3-2 lead only to watch Mookie Wilson's grounder squib through Bill Buckner's legs two nights later. With it went perhaps the best chance for the Red Sox to break Babe Ruth's Curse.

Now that they've pulverized those pinstriped Yankees, becoming the first major league team to win four in a row in the playoffs after losing the first three games, the Red Sox will try to roll over a team that won 105 games, the most in the majors.

"I think I appreciate where we are," Boston man-ager Terry Francona said. "But as far as that goes, that's it. The task at hand is all that's on our mind, because the task isn't over. When it's over, we can sit back and think about a lot of things, and I'm sure that will bring a smile to my face."

Last year, the Red Sox grounds crew painted the Series logo on the field before the seventh game of the AL Championship Series in New York, only to have the Yankees rally from a four-run deficit to win on Aaron Boone's 11th-inning homer off Tim Wakefield.

On Wednesday, Boston went ahead early in Game 7 and beat New York 10-3. After celebrating in front of Yankee Stadium's monuments on Wednesday night, the Red Sox took Thursday off, then worked out at midday Friday in empty Fenway on a cool and cloudy day

There figures to be a boisterous crowd Saturday night, with dry weather forecast and the temperature in the low 40s

This is all bonus time," said Kevin Millar, who will play first base for the Red Sox in Boston but make way for ALCS MVP David Ortiz when the des-

ignated hitter comes out of the lineup in St. Louis. Boston is used to the charm of its own 92-year-old ballpark, which holds about 35,000 fans. There's the 37-foot-high Green Monster looming beyond left field, just 310 feet from home plate at the foul line. Across the way, there's Pesky's Pole in right, 302 feet from home, with a tricky fence that's only 3-to-5

"It's a neat environment. Fans very close to the ballfield," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "A lot of passion, a lot of knowledge of the game." St. Louis, which beat Houston 5-2 in Game 7 Thursday night to return to the World Series for the

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Game 1: St. Louis at Boston

8:30 a.m. Sunday

Game time is Japan and Korea Standard. Guam is one hour ahead Singapore and Hong Kong are one hour behind.

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